

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO.5828 OF 2025

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Anant Karane,]
R/o. Sector-20, Kalamboli] .. Petitioner

Versus

1. State of Maharashtra,]
Through Kharghar Police Station]
2. XYZ (First Informant)] .. Respondents

Mr. Ashwin Hawelikar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. S.V. Gavand, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1.

Mr. Datta Mane, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

Petitioner and Respondent No.2 are present in Court.

**CORAM : SHREE CHANDRASHEKHAR, CJ. &
GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.**

DATE : 14TH NOVEMBER 2025.

PER, GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.

The present Writ Petition is filed seeking quashing, by consent, of the C.R. No.817 of 2021 dated 10th October, 2021 with the Nagpada Police Station, Mumbai filed under sections 500 and 509 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 along with section 67A of the Information and Technology Act, 2000 along with charge-sheet dated 24th December, 2021 before the 69th J.M.F.C., Mazgaon Court at Mumbai.

2. The present dispute arises out of divorce proceedings bearing Petition No.A/3055/2021 before the Ld. Family Court at Bandra between the petitioner and the respondent no.2's sister-in-law. It is the prosecution's case that on 9th October, 2021 the petitioner sent text messages from his mobile to the respondent no.2 which were

obscene and abusive in nature. The said messages were also sent to the husband and four (4) other relatives of the respondent no.2. The parties have now arrived at an amicable settlement and the same is crystallized in the consent affidavit dated 14th January 2025. The said consent affidavit dated 14th November, 2025 of the respondent no.2 is tendered in Court and the same is taken on record and marked as "X" for identification. Both the parties are present in Court. They are identified by respective counsels. The parties have also tendered their handwritten appearance which is self-attested on a piece of paper. It is tendered in the Court and shall form part of the records.

3. It is a well settled position of law, as held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "*Rangappa Javoor v. State of Karnataka*" 2023 SCC OnLine SC 1736 that in cases of offences relating to matrimonial disputes, if the Court is satisfied that the parties settled the dispute amicably, then for the purpose of securing ends of justice criminal proceedings *inter se* parties can be quashed by this Court exercising its inherent powers. As the parties have settled, **Writ Petition No.5828 of 2025 is allowed** in terms of prayer clauses (a) and (b).

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]