

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1266 OF 2025

1. Sudhir Sandeep Dhumal	]
2. Sandeep Bapusaheb Dhumal	]
3. Ranjana Sandip Dhumal	]
4. Dhanraj Sandip Dhumal	]
5. Vishwa Dhanraj Dhumal	]
6. Manisha @ Kamal Rakesh Pawar	] .. Applicants

Versus

1. The State of Maharashtra,	]
Through Hinjewadi Police Station, Pune	]
2. Sayali Sudhir Dhumal	] .. Respondents

Mr. Rohan Hogle, i/by Mr. Nagesh Khedkar, Advocates for the Applicants.

Mr. Aadesh Konde Deshmukh, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

Mrs. M.M. Deshmukh, In-Charge Public Prosecutor, with Mr. S.V. Gavand, Additional Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1.

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

DATE : 18TH NOVEMBER 2025.

PER, GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.

The present Criminal Application is filed under Article 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking quashing, by consent, of the C.R. No. I-1073 of 2023 registered on 14th September 2023 with the Hinjewadi Police Station under sections 323, 313, 427, 498A, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

2. Respondent no.2 is the wife of the applicant no.1. It is the case of the prosecution that the respondent no.2 was harassed, abused and assaulted by the applicant no.1. The respondent no.2 further alleges that the applicant no.1 along with his family siphoned off

gold, money and valuables which were given to her by the family of the respondent no.2.

3. The matrimonial disputes have now been resolved and the respondent no.2 no longer wishes to pursue criminal proceedings against the applicants. Mr. Konde Deshmukh, the learned counsel for the respondent no.2 reiterates his clients' no objection to the quashing of FIR and all proceedings arising therefrom. The parties have also filed mutual consent terms dated 05th August, 2025 filed before the J.M.F.C., Shivaji Nagar, Pune in PWDVA No.671/2023. Mr. Konde Deshmukh has tendered affidavit dated 18th November, 2025 on behalf of the respondent no.2 in Court. The said affidavit at paragraph nos.4, 5 and 6 reiterate that pursuant to the filing of the FIR, by intervention of family and friends, the differences between the applicants and the respondent no.2 have been resolved amicably and they have decided to part ways amicably. The affidavit further reiterate that the disputes arise due to petty issues and misunderstandings between the applicants and the respondent no.2 and that there is no coercion or any pressure from any person on the respondent no.2 to give her consent for quashing of the present proceedings. The affidavit mentioned above is taken on record. The respondent no.2 and the applicant no.1 are present in Court and identified by their respective counsel. They have submitted their handwritten appearance which is taken on record.

4. The law as laid down in "*Jitendra Raghuvanshi v. Babita Raghuvanshi*, (2013) 4 SCC 58" reiterates that it is the duty of the Courts to encourage settlement in matrimonial matters and the Court is empowered to quash the criminal proceedings to meet the ends of justice, especially in light of matrimonial disputes wherein the complainant no longer wishes proceed with prosecution. In view

of the above, Criminal Application No.1266 of 2025 is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a) which reads as under :-

“a. This Hon’ble Court may please to quash and set aside the proceedings arising out of the FIR No.1073 of 2023 for offences under sections 498A, 323, 504, 506, 427 of IPC, registered with the Hinjewadi Police Station, Pune on such terms and conditions this Hon’ble Court may deem fit and proper.”

[GAUTAM A. ANKHAD, J.]

[CHIEF JUSTICE]