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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ CRL.M.C. 1013/2025

KAPIL VERMA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr.Rakesh Srivastava, Advocate with
Petitioner in person.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, APP for State
with PSI Pankaj Kumar,
Mr.Ketan Marwah, Advocate for R-2
with R-2 (through VC).

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

% **18.08.2025**

Crl.M.A. No.4648/2025 (Exemption)

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. Petition under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. herein is seeking quashing of FIR No. 675/2020 dated 20.11.2020 under Sections 376/323/506 of the IPC registered at police station Bhajanpura, Delhi on the ground of settlement dated 15.12.2024 between the petitioner and the prosecutrix.
2. Per the FIR, the petitioner and the prosecutrix/respondent No. 2 met online and the petitioner established physical relations without consent of the respondent no.2. She further narrates that the petitioner even blackmailed her having taken certain compromising pictures, and extorted money out of her.

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3. Petitioner is present in Court and has been duly identified by his counsel as well as the Investigating Officer.
4. Learned APP for State, in view of the allegations leveled by the prosecutrix in the FIR, though opposes the prayer made by the petitioner, but does not dispute the compromise.
5. The prosecutrix has joined the proceedings through video conferencing and has been duly identified by the Investigating Officer. I have interacted with her. On a query posed by the Court, the prosecutrix submits that she is fully aware of what she is stating before this Court. She further submits that she has arrived at the settlement of her own volition without any duress, pressure or coercion from any quarter.
6. She submits that the allegations in the FIR *qua* Section 376 IPC are though serious in nature but were a result of complete misunderstanding between her and the petitioner at the relevant time. They have known each other for long and whatever relationship existed between them was purely consensual and she did not realize the adverse consequences of levelling the allegations out of emotional turmoil which she was suffering at the relevant time. She is highly regretful of indulging in the same.
7. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have perused the material available on record.
8. Given that the relationship was consensual, as candidly admitted and, dispute which was otherwise arising out of inter se personal relationship, and, in any case that too has been resolved and more particularly in view of the statement made by the prosecutrix in response to the queries, continuing with criminal proceedings may serve no useful purpose. It would be a drain on judicial resources and abuse of the process of law, especially when



dispute does not involve any public interest or interest of the society at large. Continuation of the proceedings, on the other hand, may result in hostility between the parties and defeat the very purpose of the settlement.

9. Quashing of the FIR would rather facilitate the parties in maintaining or restoring cordiality. Therefore, the proceedings deserve to be quashed in the exercise of the inherent powers of the Court. Reference may be had to the judgement rendered in ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & Anr. [(2012) 10 SCC 303]*** in this context.

10. Accordingly, exercising the inherent powers vested in this Court under Section 528 of BNSS, it is therefore deemed appropriate to quash the FIR arising from this matrimonial dispute.

11. Consequently, subject to payment of costs of Rs.50,000/- to be paid by the petitioner to the Delhi Legal Services Authority, the instant petition is allowed and FIR No. 675/2020 dated 20.11.2020 under Sections 376/323/506 of the IPC registered at police station Bhajanpura, Delhi and the criminal proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

12. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

ARUN MONGA, J

AUGUST 18, 2025/SV

