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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 1343/2025**

THANGAPERUMAL PONPANDI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Akshay Ravi, Advocate with
petitioner in person.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Yasir Rauf Ansari, ASC for the
State with SI Sudhir Jain, PS – IGI
Airport.
Respondent no. 2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

% **19.08.2025**

1. The petitioner herein seeking quashing of an FIR No. 80034813/2024 dated 04.04.2024 registered at Police Station I.G.I. Airport E-police station, for the offence punishable under Section 379 of the IPC and all further proceedings emanating there from.

2. Parties are present in court. It is stated that the complainant while traveling from Delhi to Pune on an Indigo Flight realised after boarding that his laptop was missing. Assuming it was left at the airport, he searched at the lost and found department without success. Assuming thus that it had been stolen, he lodged an FIR to recover his laptop. Subsequently, it turned out that it was a case of sheer inadvertence. The petitioner herein mistakenly picked up the laptop in question from security check point, thinking it to be his, being similar looking.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the has been amicably settled through a Memorandum of Settlement dated 29.01.2025. Respondent No.2 has no subsisting grievance and no objection to quashing the FIR. The FIR arose from a *bona fide* mistake without criminal intent. The laptop was
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returned and repair expenses borne by the Petitioner. Continuation of proceedings would serve no purpose, amount to harassment, and waste judicial resources. The matter is purely private in nature, does not involve any heinous offense, and no public interest is at stake.

4. Learned APP and counsel for the respondent -complainant concur with the fact of compromise and submit that in view of the compromise, they have no objection if the FIR in question is quashed.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and Respondent No.2.

6. Applying the ratio in decision of ***Gian Singh v State of Punjab & Anr. (2012) 10 SCC 303***, I deem it just and proper to invoke inherent powers of this Court under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. to avoid undue hardship to the private parties for mutual good relations and societal peace. Continuation of proceedings would be abuse of the process of law.

7. Even otherwise, it is debatable whether the ingredients of the alleged offence, as per the penal sections invoked in the FIR are made out.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed. FIR No. 80034813/2024 dated 04.04.2024 registered at Police Station I.G.I. Airport E-police station, for the offence punishable under Section 379 of the IPC, and proceedings emanating there from, against the petitioners, are hereby quashed.

9. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

ARUN MONGA, J

AUGUST 19, 2025

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