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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 3428/2025 & CRL.M.A. 15118/2025**
NEETU SINGH & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Amit Kumar Tanwar, Advocate
with Petitioners present.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANRRespondents
Through: Mr. Raj Kumar, APP for State.
SI Sandeep Tomar, P.S. Harsh Vihar.
Complainant (in-Person).

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

% **28.08.2025**

1. The present petition filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023¹ (formerly Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973²) seeks quashing of FIR No. 0693/2022, registered at P.S. Harsh Vihar for the offences under Sections 323/341/448/506/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860³, and all other proceedings emanating therefrom.
2. Petitioner No. 1 is the wife of Respondent No. 2. Petitioner Nos. 2 to 4 are the in-laws of Respondent No. 2, and Petitioner Nos. 5-10 are the other relatives of Petitioner No. 1. The marriage between Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 was solemnized on 23rd January, 2019 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies. Parties have one child from the said marriage. Due to matrimonial discord, the relationship between the parties deteriorated and

¹ "BNSS"

² "Cr.P.C."



parties have been living separately since 18th January, 2020. Several efforts for reconciliation were made but to no avail.

3. Subsequently, Respondent No. 2 lodged a complaint against the Petitioners, alleging that after Petitioner No. 1 left the matrimonial home, the Petitioners began threatening the Complainant and his family members with false implication in criminal cases and also issued threats to their lives. It was specifically alleged that, on 12th September, 2020, the Petitioners came to the Complainant's residence, created a ruckus, and threatened to kill him and his family members. Despite lodging several complaints in this regard, the Complainant alleged that no action was taken by the authorities. On another occasion, it is alleged that the cousins of Petitioner No. 1 visited the Complainant's house along with approximately ten other individuals and physically assaulted the Complainant and his family members using hands, feet, bricks, and stones, resulting in multiple injuries. Pursuant to this complaint, the subject FIR came to be registered.

4. Pertinently, an FIR bearing No. 54/2023 was also registered at the instance of Petitioner No. 1 against Respondent No. 2 and his family members under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC.

5. The present petition is filed on the ground that the matter is amicably settled between the parties on their own free will, without any coercion, pressure or undue influence. Pursuant thereto, Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 have executed a Settlement Deed dated 18th November, 2023 before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Tis Hazari Courts, whereby Respondent No. 2 agreed to pay a total sum of INR 11,55,000/- to Petitioner No. 1. As per the terms of the settlement, the parties have agreed to

³ "IPC"



withdraw all proceedings pending before various Courts. Pursuant to the settlement, Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 have obtained a decree of divorce by mutual consent through order dated 16th July, 2024 passed by the Judge, Family Court, (Central), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

6. In view of the settlement, the Complainant, who has appeared before the Court in person and is identified by the Investigating Officer, has unequivocally stated that he does not wish to pursue the FIR proceedings. He has confirmed that his decision to settle the matter is voluntary and made without any undue influence or coercion. In light of the amicable resolution between the parties, the Petitioners seek quashing of the subject FIR and all proceedings arising therefrom.

7. The Court has considered the aforementioned submissions. It is pertinent to note that the offences under Sections 323, 341, 448 and 506 of IPC are compoundable, *albeit* with the permission of the Court, and only at the instance of the aggrieved parties. However, that does not debar the High Court from resorting to its inherent power under Section 528 of BNSS (formerly, Section 482 of Cr.P.C.) and pass an appropriate order so as to secure the ends of justice.

8. Having regard to the nature of the dispute and the fact that the aggrieved parties have amicably settled the matter, this Court is of the view that continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose. In the circumstances, this is a fit case for exercise of jurisdiction under Section 528 of BNSS, as the continuance of proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law and impede the ends of justice.

9. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No. 693/2022, P.S. Harsh Vihar and all the proceedings emanating therefrom are hereby



quashed.

10. The parties shall abide by the terms of settlement.

11. The present petition is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

AUGUST 28, 2025

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