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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CRL.M.C. 3732/2025**
SANJAY

.....Petitioner
Through: Mr. Amitej Kumar Nagar, Advocate.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondent
Through: Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, APP for the
State with SI Deepak Sharma, SI
Sonu Siwach, PS Punjabi Bagh.
Complainant in person.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER
11.09.2025

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1. Petitioner herein seeks quashing of an FIR No. 139/2024 dated 08.03.2024 for the alleged offences under Sections 354, 354A of IPC, & Section 8 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise between the parties.
2. Per FIR, on 05.03.2024, the petitioner, being a family friend, came to the house of respondent nos.2 and 3 (complainant and mother, respectively), in an inebriated condition. When the complainant asked him not to come after consuming alcohol and to leave, the petitioner got angry and touched her inappropriately.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the parties are family friends and reside in the same locality, and that with the intervention of near and dear ones, they have now amicably resolved all their disputes vide MOU dated 15.05.2025, appended as Annexure-P-1. He further submits that an affidavit of no objection to the quashing, duly deposed by respondent nos. 2 and 3, has also been placed on record.

4. Learned counsel for Respondent nos. 2 & 3, and the learned APP for the State concur with the factum of the compromise between the parties.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have learned counsels for the parties and have perused the case file.

6. The complainant is present in person, and on a Court query by the Court regarding the allegations attracting Sections 354, 354A of the IPC and Section 8 of the POCSO Act, she candidly submits that the petitioner is a friend of respondent no.2's father and well known to her family. She further submits that due to some misunderstanding, a heated exchange took place, during which there was a cross scuffle, and respondent no.2 misunderstood the physical assault and pushing to have a sexual undertone, but subsequently realized her mistake and compromised the matter. Pursuant to the settlement thereto, she thus does not wish to press any charges against the petitioner and submits that in the interregnum, she also got married, and she would rather focus on her marital life and live peacefully than embroil herself in meaningless litigation, which was nothing but a clear misunderstanding.

7. Having heard, it appears that the dispute is purely a family matter with no involvement of public or societal interest. Since the complainant (wife) does not wish to press charges and there is no incriminating evidence



against the petitioners, coupled with the fact that a compromise has been reached, continuing with the criminal proceedings would be an exercise in futility, amounting to an abuse of the legal process. Furthermore, it would place an unnecessary burden on the judicial system and lead to the wasteful expenditure of public resources by the prosecution.

8. The trial would thus serve no fruitful purpose and further proceedings would rather result in hostility between the parties, defeating the very purpose of their settlement. In view thereof, the proceedings deserve to be quashed in exercise of the inherent powers of the Court. Reference in this context may also be made to judgment rendered in the case of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Anr. [(2012) 10 SCC 303]***.

9. Accordingly, in the larger interest of justice, invoking inherent powers vested with this Court under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023, the FIR No. 139/2024 dated 08.03.2024 for the alleged offences under Sections 354, 354A of IPC, & Section 8 of the POCSO Act, 2012, registered at P.S. Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, and the criminal proceedings arising there from are hereby quashed.

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

ARUN MONGA, J

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025/nk/rs