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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2383/2025 & CRL.M.A. 22278/2025**

SANDEEP SHARMA & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Udit Gupta, Adv. alongwith
Petitioners in person.

versus

THE STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anand V. Khatri, ASC for the
State.
Mr. Ashish Sharma with Ms. Rati
Sharma, Adv. for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

% **01.09.2025**

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of FIR No. 0407/2024 dated 25.09.2024 lodged under Sections 498A, 406, 34 IPC, registered at P.S. Mansarovar Park, and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise between the parties.

2. Dispute between the parties arose from the matrimonial discord between Petitioner No.1 (husband) and complainant/Respondent no.2 (wife). The Petitioner No.1 and Respondent No. 2 were married on 16.02.2021 according to Hindu rites and no child was born out of the wedlock. Due to irreconcilable differences, the parties started living separately from 16.02.2022.

2.1 Petitioner No. 2 is the mother-in-law of the Respondent no. 2.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have amicably settled their dispute *vide* Settlement Deed dated 13.11.2024 which is placed on record (**Annexure-D**). Learned counsel further submits that the



affidavit to the effect of no objection to quashing deposited by respondent No.2/ complainant is also placed on record.

4. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and respondent no. 2 as well as perused the material available on record.

5. Parties are present in Court and I have interacted with the complainant/ wife and she has no objection. She candidly states that she has entered into the settlement out of her free volition, without any duress or coercion. She states that she does not wish to press any charges against the petitioners having amicably settled the dispute. She further states that, pursuant to the settlement, she had agreed to dissolve their marriage in compliance of the terms and conditions of Settlement Deed dated 13.11.2024. She also states that the same has been complied with by her husband to her full and final satisfaction.

6. Learned counsel for the Respondent No. 2 and the learned APP for the State concur with the factum of the compromise between the parties and convey their no objection to the quashing of the FIR.

7. Having interacted with the complainant and given that seems to be an entirely a family matter not involving either in public interest or any societal interest, it would be an exercise in futility to continue with the further criminal proceedings as the same would be nothing but abuse of the process of law apart from the heavy burden on the judicial system as well as wasteful expenditure of the public by the prosecution. Continuation of proceedings may rather result in hostility between the parties and defeat the very purpose of settlement.

8. Since the complainant/wife does not wish to press charges against the petitioners and there is no incriminating material against them coupled with the fact of compromise, further proceedings before the Court would be an abuse process of law. Especially, when the dispute does not involve any



public interest or interest of the society at large. Continuation of proceedings may rather result in hostility between the parties and defeat the very purpose of settlement.

9. The trial would thus serve no fruitful purpose and will be an exercise in futility. Whereas non-quashing of the FIR would not only amount to misuse of the judicial process, but also defeat the very object of settlement. Therefore, further 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].

10. Accordingly, in the larger interest of justice, invoking inherent powers vested with this Court under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 the FIR No. 0407/2024 dated 25.09.2024 lodged under Sections 498A, 406, 34 IPC, registered at P.S. Mansarovar Park and all other proceedings arising there from are quashed.

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

ARUN MONGA, J

SEPTEMBER 1, 2025/nk