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

+ **CRL.M.C. 5462/2025**

SH SAGAR MALHOTRA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vikas Khatri, Advocate.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, APP for the State with SI Rupesh Raj, PS Subash Place.

Mr. Charamjeet Singh Bhalla, Mr. Raman Sukhija, Advocates alongwith R-2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

% **08.10.2025**

1. Petitioner herein seeks quashing of an FIR No. 337/2022 dated 10.02.2022 under Sections 279, 323, 341, 354, 354 B, 506, 509 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Subhash Place, along with any consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise.
2. The complainant/respondent no.2 alleged that on 06.02.2022, while she was traveling in her Tata Nexon car with her friend, a Maruti Ertiga driven by the petitioner collided with the left side mirror of her car. When she asked the petitioner to stop, he abused, assaulted and threatened her, which led to the registration of the FIR in question.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the parties have now amicably settled the matter *vide* MoU/ Settlement Deed dated 14.06.2025 and an affidavit to the effect of no objection, duly deposed by respondent no.2, has been appended as Annexure D.

3.1 He further submits that keeping in view that the parties have amicably settled their disputes and differences arising out of a misunderstanding, further continuation of proceedings would thus be a futile exercise.

4. Learned counsel for respondent no.2 and learned APP for the State concur with the factum of compromise and submit that, pursuant to the settlement, the proceedings deserve to be quashed.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard learned counsel for the parties as well as perused the case file.

6. The complainant is present in Court, and I have interacted with her. Upon a query put to her, she candidly submits that she has amicably resolved her differences with the petitioner and has entered into the settlement of her own free will, without any pressure, coercion, or undue influence. She further states that the allegations at the relevant time arose from a minor scuffle stemming from road rage, which, in the heat of the moment, escalated into an unsavoury incident during which she misconstrued behaviour of petitioner as having a sexual overture. In view of the settlement, she submits that she does not wish to pursue the proceedings against the petitioner any further.

7. Since respondent no.2 does not wish to press charges against the petitioner and given that there is nothing incriminating against him, coupled with the fact that the parties have amicably compromised the matter, further criminal proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law.



8. Upon hearing the parties and examining the nature of the dispute, it is borne out that the FIR was lodged out of a misunderstanding. Even on a plain reading, and considering the candid statements of parties, it appears doubtful whether the essential ingredients of the offences invoked under the penal provisions are satisfied. In light thereof, I am of the view that the petition deserves to be allowed on that count as well.

9. Be that as it may, given that the dispute has been resolved, continuing with criminal proceedings would thus serve no useful purpose, be a drain on judicial resources, and would rather result in hostility between the parties and defeat the very purpose of the settlement.

10. In the premise, this is a fit case for invoking inherent powers vested with this Court under Section 528 BNSS, 2023 and it is thus deemed expedient to quash the FIR in question. Reference may also be made to the judgment of the Supreme Court in ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & Anr.*** [(2012) 10 SCC 303].

11. Accordingly, the FIR No. 337/2022 dated 10.02.2022 under Sections 279, 323, 341, 354, 354 B, 506, 509 of the IPC, registered at Police Station Subhash Place, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed.

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

ARUN MONGA, J

OCTOBER 8, 2025/rs/nk