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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2550/2025**

KANCHAN KUMAR SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amit Saini and Mr. Pravin
Kumar Pachauri, Advs. with the petitioner in
person

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Rupali Bandopadhyaya, ASC for
State along with SI Anupam, PS Karol Bagh
Respondents in person

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

04.11.2025

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1. The instant petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter "BNSS") [earlier Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (hereinafter "CrPC")] has been filed by the petitioner praying for quashing of FIR no. 602/2021 registered at Police Station Karol Bagh for the offences punishable under Sections 75/79 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Sections 3/15 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

2. The allegation in the present case is that on 23.09.2021 the complainant Krishna Kumar Tiwari, who works as a volunteer in an NGO, received information regarding one minor child standing abandoned near DB Gupta Road, whereupon he found minor Ujala Kumar who disclosed that he was working in a seat-cover shop at Karol Bagh and his employer



had scolded him. Thereafter on visiting the said shop the complainant allegedly found that two other minor children namely Vikas and Manjesh were also working in the same shop and that the said employer, the petitioner Kanchan Kumar Singh, stated that he was giving Rs.4,000/- per month to their parents as salary. The allegation further is that the petitioner had kept all the three minor boys as labour in his shop and on these allegations the present FIR was registered.

3. It is submitted that the petitioner and respondents no. 2 to 4 have settled their disputes amicably and are now moving forward towards a peaceful and harmonious future. The Respondent no. 2 is represented and accompanied by his father Sh. Shiv Kumar, who has given his consent for quashing of the present FIR. Respondents no. 3 and 4 are major and they have also given their consent for quashing.

4. Compromise deed dated 04.07.2025 is on record and has been annexed as Annexure E. Qua this deed, the respondents no. 2 to 4 has agreed to withdraw the case arising out of FIR No.602/2021 registered at Police Station Karol Bagh against the petitioner.

5. It is prayed by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties that the instant FIR may be quashed on the basis of the compromise.

6. Learned ASC for the State submits that there is no opposition to the prayer made by the petitioner seeking quashing of the FIR in question in view of the settlement arrived at between the parties.

7. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

8. The petitioner is present before this Court and have been identified by their counsel and Investigating Officer, Police Station Karol Bagh.



Respondents no. 2 to 4 are also present in the Court and have been identified by the Investigating Officer.

9. On a query made by this Court, respondents no. 2 to 4 have categorically stated that they have entered into compromise on their own free will and without any pressure. It is also stated by them that the entire dispute has been amicably settled between the parties.

10. Keeping in view the fact that the matter stands amicably settled between the petitioner and respondents no. 2 to 4 without any pressure, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending. Further, respondents no. 2 to 4 have given their no objection by way of affidavits that they do not want to wish to prolong this litigation as they are now moving towards the future.

11. It is, thus, in the interest of justice to quash the afore-mentioned FIR and the proceedings emanating therefrom.

12. In the present case, since the State machinery has been put into motion and the police has concluded the investigation and has filed the charge-sheet and further the judicial time has also been wasted, it is deemed appropriate to impose cost on the petitioner. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, the petitioner is directed to deposit a cost of Rs.5,000/- with the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee within a period of one week from today.

13. Hence, in light of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab* (2012) 10 SCC 303**, FIR no. 602/2021 registered at Police Station Karol Bagh for the offences punishable under Sections 75/79 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 and Sections 3/15 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation)



Act, 1986, and consequent proceedings emanating therefrom, are quashed *qua* the present petitioner, subject to payment of cost of Rs.5,000/-, which shall be deposited with the Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee within a period of one week from today. The receipt of payment is to be deposited and verified by the concerned IO.

14. The petition alongwith pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

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