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

+ **CRL.M.C. 5614/2025**

SANTANU ROY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Soumya Dutta, Adv.
Petitioner in person (through VC)

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Meenakshi Dahiya, APP for State
with Mr. Bhuman Bansal and Ms. Gursharan Kaur,
Advs.

SI Vaibhav, PS Sarita Vihar

Mr. Samiron Borkataky and Mr. Ikshvaaku
Marwah, Advs. (through VC)

Ms. Harmeet Kaur, Authority Representative for
R-2 (through VC)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

17.12.2025

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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. 458/2021 registered at Police Station Sarita Vihar for the offences punishable under Sections 406/409/411/420 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter "IPC").

2. The brief facts of the case are that the respondent no. 2, Kochhar & Co. Advocates and Legal Consultants, alleges that the petitioner, who was engaged on a probationary/trial basis and entrusted with sensitive



responsibilities in relation to settlement of compensation claims for bereaved families in a maritime accident matter involving a client, abused the trust reposed in him by cheating one such bereaved family of ₹10 lakhs through false representations of saving tax on compensation, while acting as the complainant's representative. Thereafter, despite confirming in writing that he retained no confidential documents, the petitioner unlawfully retained and disseminated highly confidential settlement agreements and email communications belonging to the complainant, used the same to make false and extortionate demands and defamatory allegations purportedly signed by the victim's family member to harm the respondent no. 2's reputation, leading to registration of the present FIR.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submitted that the petitioner and respondent no. 2 have settled their disputes amicably and are now moving forward towards a peaceful and harmonious future.

4. Compromise deed dated 21.03.2025 is on record and has been annexed as "Annexure P3". *Qua* this deed, the respondent no. 2 has agreed to withdraw the case arising out of FIR No. 458/2021 registered at Police Station – Sarita Vihar 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 APP for the State, who appears on advance notice, accepts notice and 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 has been identified by their counsel and Investigating Officer, Police Station Sarita Vihar. Authorized Representative of respondent no. 2 is also (virtually) present in the Court and has been identified by her counsel and the Investigating Officer.

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

10. Keeping in view the fact that the matter stands settled between the petitioner and respondent no. 2 amicably without any pressure, no fruitful purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending.

11. In view of the fact that the parties have arrived at a settlement, no useful purpose will be served in continuing the proceedings, rather the same would create further acrimony between them.

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

13. Hence, in light of the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab (2012) 10 SCC 303*, FIR No. 458/2021 registered at Police Station Sarita Vihar for the offences punishable under Sections 406/409/411/420 of the IPC, and consequent proceedings emanating therefrom, are quashed *qua* the present petitioner.

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

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

DECEMBER 17, 2025/AS/yr