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

+ CRL.M.C. 5744/2025 and CRL.M.A. 24624/2025

SHWETHAMBRI BAKSHI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ambuj Tiwari, Advocate with
petitioner in person.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for the State
with SI Sandeep Kumar and SI
Ramavtar, PS – Maidan Garhi.
Mr. Kishan Yadav, Advocate for
respondent no. 2 with respondent no.
2 in person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

20.08.2025

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1. Petitioner herein seeks quashing of FIR No.225/2023 dated 15.06.2023 for the alleged offences under Sections 289 and 337 of IPC, registered at Police Station Maidan Garhi, and all other consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of the compromise between the parties.
2. Complainant of the FIR joins proceedings in person through the VC and has been identified by his counsels. It is now stated that the FIR was lodged due to misunderstanding arising out of an incident on 19.03.2023, wherein the complainant/security guard was allegedly bitten by the Petitioner's pet dog at the farmhouse.



3. The learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the incident involving the petitioner's pet dog biting Respondent No. 2, a known acquaintance and security guard, was accidental and not deliberate. The petitioner immediately ensured medical treatment for the respondent, and the act does not constitute an offence against society at large. The FIR was registered under Sections 289 IPC (non-compoundable) and 337 IPC (compoundable), leading to the present quashing petition.
4. During the pendency of proceedings, the parties amicably settled their dispute through an MoU dated 13.05.2025, under which the petitioner paid Rs. 20,000/- to the respondent in full and final settlement.
5. On a court query, the complainant/respondent no.2 states that he does not wish to pursue the matter and has filed an affidavit affirming no objection to quashing.
6. Learned Counsel therefore submits that continuing the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose.
7. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.
8. Upon a further query put to Respondent No.2, he candidly submits that the matter has been amicably settled without any duress, coercion and on own his own will.
9. Both the counsel for 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.
10. Given that the dispute has been resolved, continuing with criminal proceedings may serve no useful purpose. It would be a drain on judicial resources and abuse of the process of law, especially when dispute does not



involve any public interest or interest of the society at large.

11. Continuation of the proceedings, on the other hand, may result in hostility between the parties and defeat the very purpose of the settlement, particularly when the complainant himself does not wish to pursue the case.

12. Quashing the FIR would rather facilitate the parties in maintaining or restoring cordiality. Therefore, the proceedings deserve to be quashed in the exercise of the inherent powers of the Court. Reference may be had to the judgement rendered in ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab &Anr. [(2012) 10 SCC 303]*** in this context.

13. Accordingly, invoking inherent powers vested with this Court under Section 528 of the BNSS, it is therefore deemed appropriate to quash the FIR in question.

14. The instant petition is thus allowed. The criminal proceedings arising out of FIR No.225/2023 dated 15.06.2023 for the alleged offences under Sections 289, 337 of IPC, registered at Police Station Maidan Garhi, and further proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed, subject to the petitioner making a deposit of Rs.20,000/- with the Delhi Animal Welfare Board, Account No. 44052599129, IFS Code: SBIN0005453, Old Secretariat, Civil Lines, New Delhi – 110054.

15. Let a compliance report be filed.

16. The petition, along with pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

ARUN MONGA, J

AUGUST 20, 2025/kd