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

+ CRL.M.C. 6041/2025

RISHABH MALHOTRA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr.HaritmaniGauracharya, Advocate
alongwith petitioners

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr.Digam Singh Dagar, APP for the
State alongwith SI Sunder Singh,
P.S.-Nangloi
Mr.SusheelK.Tiwari, Advocate for R-
2 alongwith R-2

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

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28.08.2025

CRL.M.A. 25674/2025 (Exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

CRL.M.C. 6041/2025

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of an FIR No.0081/2024 dated 31.01.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 34, 406, 498A IPC, registered at Police Station Nangloi, along with any consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise between the parties.

2. The petitioner no. 1 (husband) and respondent no.2/complainant (wife) got married on 07.07.2022 according to Hindu rites. No child is born from the wedlock. However, due to temperamental differences, the couple



has been living separately since November 2022.

2.1 Petitioner no. 2, petitioner no.3 is the brother-in-law, petitioner no.4 is the sister-in-law of the complainant, all of whom allegedly, *inter alia*, demanded Rs.5,00,000/- as dowry and subjected the complainant to physical and verbal abuse.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have now amicably settled the matter *vide* Settlement Agreement dated 30.07.2024, duly signed by both parties before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi(**Annexure P-2**). Learned counsel further submits that the affidavit to the effect of no objection to quashing deposed by respondent No.2/ complainant is also placed on record.

3.1 He further submits that pursuant to the settlement, marriage between the petitioner and respondent no.2 has already been dissolved by a decree of divorce dated 02.06.2025.

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. Learned APP and learned counsel for Respondent No. 2, both admit to the veracity of compromise.

5. The parties are present in Court, and I have interacted with them. Upon a query put to Respondent No. 2, she candidly submits that she has amicably resolved her differences with her husband and has entered into the settlement out of her own free will, without any pressure, coercion, or undue influence. She further states that pursuant to the settlement, the petitioner no.1 has complied with the terms of the settlement to her satisfaction and nothing remains payable to her. She also states that in view of the settlement, she does not wish to continue with the proceedings against the



petitioners.

6. The dispute, being private and personal in nature arising out of their matrimonial relationship, has since been amicably resolved, and the complainant herself does not wish to pursue the case. In these circumstances, pursuing the criminal case would serve no useful purpose, would unnecessarily burden the judicial system, and may even rekindle hostility between the parties, thereby defeating the very object of the settlement, whereas quashing the same would, however, foster peace and harmony between them.

7. In the absence of any incriminating material against petitioners, coupled with the fact that the parties have amicably compromised the matter, further proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law.

8. Thus, in the larger interest of justice, and in exercise of the inherent powers vested in this Court, it is deemed expedient to quash the FIR in question arising out of matrimonial dispute between the private parties. Reference may also be made to the judgment of the Supreme Court in ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & Anr. [(2012) 10 SCC 303]***.

9. Consequently, the instant petition is allowed. The criminal proceedings arising out of FIR No.0081/2024 dated 31.01.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 498A, 406, 34IPC, registered at Police Station Nangloi, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed.

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

ARUN MONGA, J

AUGUST 28, 2025/dy