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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 2844/2025**

SULTANA BEGUM & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Chetan, Mr. Himanshu Kumar
and Ms. Deepika, Advocates.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Ragib Gayyur and Ms. Reema,
Advocates for R-2.
Mr. Yasir Rauf Ansari, ASC for State.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

08.10.2025

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1. The present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023¹ seeks quashing of FIR No. 746/2021² registered under Sections 135/150 of the Indian Electricity Act (Amend.) 2003 at P.S. Welcome and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom.

2. As per the complaint of Respondent No. 2 (B.S.E.S), an inspection was conducted on 24th November, 2021 at the premises of the Petitioners, located at House No. B-1093, Kabir Nagar, Delhi. During the inspection, an illegal electricity connection was allegedly found running from the existing meter to the first and second floors, and the meter seals were found tampered. The wires used for the alleged theft were removed and seized, and videography of the inspection was carried out. A supplementary assessment

¹ "BNSS"

² "impugned FIR"



of INR 1,71,473/- was raised against the Petitioners, and the impugned FIR was thereafter registered.

3. The parties state that they have amicably resolved their dispute in the Special Lok Adalat held on 11th December, 2021, wherein the Petitioners have agreed to pay a sum of INR 85,500/- towards full and final settlement against the assessed demand. In view of the settlement, Respondent No. 2 has consented not to pursue the criminal proceedings under impugned FIR, subject to payment of the settled amount. The Petitioners have placed on record a No Dues Certificate issued by Respondent No. 2, evidencing that the settled amount has been paid in entirety and no dues remain outstanding.

4. It is well-settled that the inherent powers under Section 528 of BNSS are to be exercised to secure the ends of justice and prevent misuse of the court's process. Given the amicable settlement between the parties, continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose. The matter, therefore, warrants quashing of the FIR in exercise of the said jurisdiction

5. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No. 746/2021 at P.S. Welcome, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed.

6. However, since the state machinery was set in motion pursuant to the registration of the FIR, the ends of justice will be served if the Petitioners are put to certain costs. Accordingly, the Petitioners are directed to deposit a cost of INR 5,000/- with the Delhi Police Welfare Fund within a period of three weeks from today. Proof of payment be submitted to the concerned SHO.

7. The parties shall remain bound by the terms of settlement.



8. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of along with pending application(s).

SANJEEV NARULA, J

OCTOBER 8, 2025