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

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Date of decision: 10.09.2025

+ CRL.M.C. 6374/2025 & CRL.M.A. 26931/2025 EXEMPTION

AKSHAY MENGHI & ANR.Petitioners

Through: Mr. M.K.Verma, Adv.
Petitioners in person.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.Respondent

Through: Ms. Kiran Bairwa, APP with
ASI Rekha, P.S.Keshav Puram.
Mr. Sant Prakash, Adv. for R-2
R-2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA

JUDGMENT(ORAL)

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J.

1. This is a petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, seeking quashing of FIR No. 236/2023, dated 24.02.2023, registered at P.S Keshav Puram, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and all proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of settlement between the parties.

2. The factual matrix giving rise to the instant case is that the marriage between Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent no. 2/complainant was solemnized on 10.02.2020 as per Hindu Rites and ceremonies at



New Delhi. No child was born out of the said wedlock. However, on account of temperamental differences Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 are living separately since 24.05.2022.

3. As per averments made in the FIR, Respondent No. 2 was subjected to physical and mental harassment on account of dowry demands by the petitioners. FIR No. 236/2023 was lodged at instance of Respondent no. 2 under sections 498A/406/34 IPC against the petitioners.

4. During the course of proceedings, the parties amicably resolved their disputes before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Tis Hazari Courts and the terms of the compromise were reduced into writing in the form of a Mediation Settlement dated 30.01.2025. In view of the aforesaid settlement, petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 have obtained divorce on 31.07.2025. It is submitted that petitioner no. 1 has paid the entire settlement amount of Rs. 13,50,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lacs Fifty Thousand only) along with one diamond ring to respondent no. 2 as per the schedule in the settlement. Copy of the Mediation Settlement dated 30.01.2025 has been annexed as Annexure P-2.

5. Parties are physically present before the Court. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer ASI Rekha, from P.S.Keshav Puram.

6. Respondent No. 2 confirms that the matter has been amicably settled with the petitioners without any force, fear, coercion and she



has received the entire settlement amount along with one diamond ring and has no objection if the FIR No. 236/2023 is quashed against the Petitioners.

7. In view of the settlement between the parties, learned Additional PP appearing for the State, also has no objection if the present FIR No. 236/2023 is quashed.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court has recognized the need of amicable settlement of disputes in ***Rangappa Javoor vs The State Of Karnataka And Another, Diary No. 33313/2019, 2023 LiveLaw (SC) 74, Jitendra Raghuvanshi & Ors. vs Babita Raghuvanshi & Anr., (2013) 4 SCC 58 & in Gian Singh vs State of Punjab (2012) 10 SCC 303.***

9. Further, it is settled that the inherent powers under section 482 of the Code are required to be exercised to secure the ends of justice or to prevent abuse of the process of any court. Further, the High Court can quash non-compoundable offences after considering the nature of the offence and the amicable settlement between the concerned parties. Supreme Court and this Court have repeatedly held that the cases arising out of matrimonial differences should be put to a quietus if the parties have reached an amicable settlement. Reliance may be placed upon ***B.S. Joshi v. State of Haryana, (2003) 4 SCC.***

10. In view of the above facts that the parties have amicably resolved their differences out of their own free will and without any



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coercion. Hence, it would be in the interest of justice, to quash the abovementioned FIR and the proceedings pursuant thereto.

11. In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 236/2023, dated 24.02.2023, registered at P.S Keshav Puram, Delhi under section 498A/406/34 IPC and all the other consequential proceeding emanating therefrom is hereby quashed.

12. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

13. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

September 10, 2025

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