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

+ CRL.M.C. 6474/2025 and CRL.M.A. 27306/2025

RAJNISH RANA AND ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Pradeep Kumar, Mr. Anshul D.,
Mr. Surender Kumar Hooda, Mr. Anil
Kumar Tomar and Mr. Aashish
Gupta, Advocates.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Digam Singh Dagar, APP for the
State with SI Mahesh Yadav, PS –
Dwarka North.
R-2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

ORDER

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12.09.2025

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of an FIR No. 005/2013 dated 15.01.2013 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 498A IPC, registered at Police Station Dwarka North, along with any consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of a compromise between the parties.
2. Dispute between the parties arose from the matrimonial discord between Petitioner No.1 (husband) and complainant/Respondent no.2 (wife). The couple got married on 26.02.2009 according to Hindu rites. Petitioner



No. 2 is the mother of petitioner no.1. One female child is born from the wedlock, presently in the care and custody of Respondent No.2.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have now amicably resolved their dispute in terms of the settlement recorded by Co-ordinate bench of this Court *vide* order dated 23.04.2025, appended as Annexure P-5. 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 Pursuant to the settlement, he submits that marriage between petitioner no.1 and respondent no.2 also stands dissolved *vide* judgment dated 1.07.2025, by way of mutual consent, passed by the learned Family Court, under Section 13(B)(2) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.

4. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 2 and the learned APP for the State concur with the fact of compromise and submit that, in view of the settlement, the proceedings deserve to be quashed.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and respondent no.2, as well as perused the case file.

6. Respondent no.2 is present in Court and upon a query put to her, she candidly submits that she has amicably 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, nothing remains unresolved and thus, does not wish to continue with the proceedings against the petitioners.

7. Having heard, it appears that the dispute is purely a family matter with no involvement of public or societal interest. Since the complainant (wife) does not wish to press charges and there is no incriminating evidence against the petitioners, coupled with the fact that a compromise has been



reached, continuing with the criminal proceedings would be an exercise in futility, amounting to an abuse of the legal process. Furthermore, it would place an unnecessary burden on the judicial system and lead to the wasteful expenditure of public resources by the prosecution.

8. The trial would thus serve no fruitful purpose and further proceedings would rather result in hostility between the parties, defeating the very purpose of their settlement. In view thereof, the proceedings deserve to be quashed in exercise of the inherent powers of the Court. Reference in this context may also be made to judgment rendered in the case of ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Anr. [(2012) 10 SCC 303]***.

9. Accordingly, in the larger interest of justice, invoking inherent powers vested with this Court under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 the FIR No. 005/2013 dated 15.01.2013 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 498A IPC, registered at Police Station Dwarka North, and all other proceedings arising therefrom are hereby quashed. However, it is clarified that the quashing of the FIR shall not in any manner affect the minor's inheritance rights with respect to his father.

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

ARUN MONGA, J

SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

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