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

+ **CRL.M.C. 6994/2025 & CRL.M.A. 29412/2025 EXMP.  
PRATEIK DADLANI & ORS.**

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Prashant Mendiratta, Mr. Veenu Singh, Mr. Akshat, Ms Vaishnavi Saxena, Mr. Chaitanya Girdhar and Mr. Aamyia Sharma, Advs.

Versus

**THE STATE (GOVT. OF N.C.T. OF DELHI) & ANR.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Digam Singh Dagar, APP for the State  
Complainant's father with the counsel  
(appearance not given by the counsel)

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**

**ORDER**

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**26.09.2025**

**CRL.M.A. 29412/2025 (Exemption)**

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

**CRL.M.C. 6994/2025**

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of an FIR No.220/2024 dated 26.04.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC registered at Police Station Maurya Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi along with any consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of settlement between the parties.

2. The petitioner no. 1 (husband) and respondent no.2/complainant



(wife) got married on 19.02.2019 according to Hindu rites and ceremonies. No child is born from the wedlock. However, due to temperamental differences, the couple has been living separately since 09.01.2023.

2.1 Petitioner No.2 is father and Petitioner No. 3 is mother of Petitioner No.1.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the parties have now amicably settled the matter *vide* Settlement Agreement dated 30.05.2025, duly signed by the petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 through her Special Power of Attorney (**Annexure A-2**).

3.1 He further submits that pursuant to the settlement, marriage between the petitioner No.1 and respondent no.2 has already been dissolved by a decree of divorce dated 18.07.2025(**Annexure A-4**).

4. 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.

5. In the aforesaid backdrop, I have heard learned counsels for the petitioners and respondent no.2, as well as perused the material available on record.

6. The affidavit of the complainant is on record. On a court query, learned counsel for the complainant states that he identifies the signature of the complainant which is appearing on the affidavit and states that indeed the same has been deposed by her and he identifies the affidavit. The father of the complainant is present in the Court and on a query, he states that the affidavit is indeed that of the complainant and identifies her signature. He informs that she is unable to be present in person in Court as she is presently in Dubai.



7. Since respondent no. 2 does not wish to press charges against the petitioners and in the absence of any incriminating material against them, coupled with the fact that the parties have amicably compromised the matter, further criminal proceedings would amount to an abuse of the process of law.

8. 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.

9. 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]***.

10. Consequently, the instant petition is allowed. The criminal proceedings arising out of FIR No.220/2024 dated 26.04.2024 for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC registered at Police Station Maurya Enclave, Pitampura, Delhi along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed.

**ARUN MONGA, J**

**SEPTEMBER 26, 2025/acm**