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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Date of decision: 24.12.2025

+ CRL.M.C. 9298/2025 & CRL.M.A. 38780/2025 EXEMPTION

PAWAN GUPTA & ORS.

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Muzammil, Ms. Neha
Kapila, Advs. with all
petitioners in person.

versus

THE STATE & ANR.

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Aashneet Singh, APP with
ASI Nathulal, PS Sangam
Vihar.
Respondent no. 2 in person.

CORAM:-**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. 129/2022, dated 16.02.2022, registered at P.S Sangam Vihar, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/354/377/509/34 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



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was solemnized on 02.05.2021 as per Hindu Rites and ceremonies. No child was born out of the said wedlock. Due to temperamental differences Petitioner no. 1 and Respondent no. 2 have been living separately since 11.07.2021.

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. She further alleged that petitioner no. 1 coerced her into unnatural/oral sex and upon her refusal he also tore her clothes and pushed her naked out of the room, even Petitioner no. 2/Jeth tore her suit while abusing her sexually during confrontation. Petitioner no. 4 also seized jewelry publicly with taunts. Chargesheet has since been filed under sections 498A/406/354/377/509/34 IPC against the petitioners.

4. During the course of proceedings, the parties amicably resolved their disputes before the Mediation Centre, Saket Courts, New Delhi and the terms of the compromise were reduced into writing in the form of a Settlement dated 07.07.2025. It is submitted that petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 have obtained divorce by mutual consent on 13.10.2025 and petitioner no. 1 has paid the entire settlement amount of Rs. 4,65,000/- (Rupees FourLacs Sixty Five Thousand only) to respondent no. 2 as per the schedule in the settlement. Copy of the Settlement dated 07.07.2025 has been annexed as Annexure P-3(Colly).



5. Parties are physically present before the Court. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer ASI Nathulal, from PS Sangam Vihar.

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 and has no objection if the FIR No. 129/2022 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. 129/2022 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



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

11. The petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 129/2022, dated 16.02.2022, registered at P.S Sangam Vihar, Delhi under section 498A/406/354/377/509/34 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

December 24, 2025

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