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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Date of decision: 24.12.2025

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MUNEET CHAPRANA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Ms. Ritu Janjani and Mr.
Siddharth Kumar, Advs. with
all petitioners in person.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Aashneet Singh, APP with
SI Neeraj Saini, PS Neb Sarai.
R-2 through VC 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. 0044/2023, dated 11.01.2023, registered at P.S Neb Sarai, 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



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was solemnized on 06.02.2018 according to Hindu rites and customs. One 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 09.11.2021.

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. FIR No. 0044/2023 was lodged at the instance of respondent no. 2 at PS Neb Sarai under sections 498A/406/34IPC against the petitioners. Subsequently Chargesheet was filed.

4. It has been submitted that, the parties have amicably resolved their disputes before Mediation Centre, Saket Courts, New Delhi and the terms of settlement were written in the form of Memorandum of Understanding dated 12.08.2025. It is further submitted that petitioner and respondent no. 2 have obtained divorce on 01.12.2025 and the petitioner has paid the entire settlement amount of Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Only) to respondent no. 2 and the custody of the minor child shall remain with respondent no.2 as per the schedule in the settlement. Copy of the settlement agreement dated 12.08.2025 has been annexed as Annexure P-3.

5. Petitioners are physically present before the Court while Respondent no. 2 has entered their appearance through VC. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer SI Neeraj Saini, from PS Neb Sarai.



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6. Respondent No. 2 confirms that the matter has been amicably settled with the petitioner without any force, fear, coercion and she has received the entire settlement amount along with the articles and has no objection if the FIR No. 0044/2023 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. 0044/2023 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.



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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. In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 0044/2023, dated 11.01.2023, registered at P.S Neb Sarai, Delhi under Sections 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

December 24, 2025
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