IN THE HIGH COURT OF JHARKHAND AT RANCHI
Cr.M.P. No.2879 of 2025

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1. Vinay Pratap Singh, aged about 44 years, Son of Sri Lal Bahadur Singh, resident of Flat No. 205, Shanti Vimla Bihar, Rohit Nagar, Naria, P.O.- Lanka, P.S. Lanka, District- Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
2. Lal Bahadur Singh, aged about 75 years, Son of Late Gaya Singh, resident of Flat No. 205, Shanti Vimla Bihar, Rohit Nagar, Naria, P.O.- Lanka, P.S. Lanka, District- Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).
3. Asha Singh, aged about 74 years, wife of Sri Lal Bahadur Singh, resident of Flat No. 205, Shanti Vimla Bihar, Rohit Nagar, Naria, P.O.- Lanka, P.S. Lanka, District- Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh).

… Petitioners

Versus

1. The State of Jharkhand.
2. Shweta Singh, wife of Sri Vinay Pratap Singh, daughter of Naresh Narayan Singh, presently residing at 8B, Rashmirathi Apartment, Dinkar, Kanke Road, Gonda, P.O. Kanke, P.S. Gonda, District- Ranchi.

… Opposite Parties

For the Petitioners : Mr. Bibhash Sinha, Advocate.
Mr. Manish Kumar, Advocate.
Mr. Rishav Raj, Advocate.
For the State : Mrs. Anuradha Sahay, Addl.P.P.
For the O.P. No.2 : Mr. Chiranjeev Bhadoria, Advocate.
Mr. Rishu Ranjan, Advocate.

P R E S E N T

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

By the Court:- Heard the parties.

2. This Criminal Miscellaneous Petition has been filed invoking the jurisdiction of this Court under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 with the prayer to quash the entire criminal proceeding including the order dated 14.01.2020 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi in connection with Gonda P.S. Case No. 122 of 2019 (G.R. No. 165 of 2020) whereby and whereunder the cognizance has been taken by the

learned Judicial Magistrate under Sections 341, 323, 504, 506, 498A/34 of the I.P.C. and Section 3/4 of the Indian Penal Code.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the next date fixed on 04.01.2027 for evidence and so far none of the witnesses has been examined by the prosecution.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners and learned counsel for the opposite party No.2 jointly draw the attention of this Court towards Interlocutory Application No.15464 of 2026 which is supported by the separate affidavits of the petitioners nos.1, 2 and 3 as well as the opposite party no.2 of this case and submit that therein it has categorically been mentioned that the parties have amicably settled their dispute consequent upon a mediation on some terms and conditions and in view of the same, opposite party no.2 does not want to proceed with the case as he has no further grievance against the petitioners. It is next submitted that the dispute between the parties is basically marital discord between the opposite party no.2 and the petitioner no.1 being the wife and husband respectively. It is next submitted that in view of the compromise between the parties, the continuation of this criminal proceeding will amount to abuse of process of law as in view of the compromise, the chance of conviction of the petitioners is remote and bleak. Hence, it is submitted that the entire criminal proceeding including the order dated 14.01.2020 passed in connection with Gonda P.S. Case No. 122 of 2019 (G.R. No. 165 of 2020) which is now pending in the court of learned Judicial

Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi, be quashed and set aside against the petitioners.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that in view of the compromise between the parties, the State has no objection for quashing and setting aside the entire criminal proceeding including the order dated 14.01.2020 passed in connection with Gonda P.S. Case No. 122 of 2019 (G.R. No. 165 of 2020) which is now pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi.

6. Having heard the submissions made at the Bar and after going through the materials in the record, it is pertinent to mention here that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case **of Parbatbhai Aahir @ Parbatbhai Bhimsinhbhai Karmur and Others vs. State of Gujarat and Another** reported in **(2017) 9 SCC 641** had the occasion to consider the jurisdiction of the High Court under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure *inter alia* on the basis of compromise between the parties and has held in paragraph no.11 as under :-

> *"11. Section 482 is prefaced with an overriding provision. The statute saves the inherent power of the High Court, as a superior court, to make such orders as are necessary (i) to prevent an abuse of the process of any court; or (ii) otherwise to secure the ends of justice. In Gian Singh [Gian Singh v. State of Punjab, (2012) 10 SCC 303 : (2012) 4 SCC (Civ) 1188 : (2013) 1 SCC (Cri) 160 : (2012) 2 SCC (L&S) 988] a Bench of three learned Judges of this Court adverted to the body of precedent on the subject and laid down guiding principles which the High Court should consider in determining as to whether to quash an FIR or complaint in the exercise of the inherent jurisdiction. The considerations which must weigh with the High Court are : (SCC pp. 342-43, para 61)*
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> > *"61. … the power of the High Court in quashing a criminal proceeding or FIR or complaint in exercise of*

its inherent jurisdiction is distinct and different from the power given to a criminal court for compounding the offences under Section 320 of the Code. Inherent power is of wide plenitude with no statutory limitation but it has to be exercised in accord with the guideline engrafted in such power viz. : (i) to secure the ends of justice, or (ii) to prevent abuse of the process of any court. In what cases power to quash the criminal proceeding or complaint or FIR may be exercised where the offender and the victim have settled their dispute would depend on the facts and circumstances of each case and no category can be prescribed. However, before exercise of such power, the High Court must have due regard to the nature and gravity of the crime. Heinous and serious offences of mental depravity or offences like murder, rape, dacoity, etc. cannot be fittingly quashed even though the victim or victim's family and the offender have settled the dispute. Such offences are not private in nature and have a serious impact on society. Similarly, any compromise between the victim and the offender in relation to the offences under special statutes like the Prevention of Corruption Act or the offences committed by public servants while working in that capacity, etc.; cannot provide for any basis for quashing criminal proceedings involving such offences. But the criminal cases having overwhelmingly and predominatingly civil flavour stand on a different footing for the purposes of quashing, particularly the offences arising from commercial, financial, mercantile, civil, partnership or such like transactions or the offences arising out of matrimony relating to dowry, etc. or the family disputes where the wrong is basically private or personal in nature and the parties have resolved their entire dispute. In this category of cases, the High Court may quash the criminal proceedings if in its view, because of the compromise between the offender and the victim, the possibility of conviction is remote and bleak and continuation of the criminal case would put the accused to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to him by not quashing the criminal case despite full and complete settlement and compromise with the victim. In other words, the High Court must consider whether it would be unfair or contrary to the interest of justice to continue with the criminal proceeding or continuation of the criminal proceeding would tantamount to abuse of process of law despite settlement and compromise between the victim and the wrongdoer and whether to secure the ends of justice, it is appropriate that the criminal case is put to an end and if the answer to the above question(s) is in

> *the affirmative, the High Court shall be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceeding." (Emphasis supplied)*

7. Perusal of the record reveals that the offences involved in this case are not heinous offences nor is there any serious offence of mental depravity involved in this case rather the same relates to private dispute between the parties.

8. Because of the complete settlement between the offender and the victim, the possibility of conviction of the petitioners is remote and bleak and continuation of the criminal case would put the petitioners to great oppression and prejudice and extreme injustice would be caused to them by not quashing the criminal case despite full and complete settlement and compromise with the victim.

9. Hence, this Court is of the considered view that this is a fit case where the entire criminal proceeding including the order dated 14.01.2020 in connection with Gonda P.S. Case No. 122 of 2019 (G.R. No. 165 of 2020) which is now pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi, as prayed for by the petitioners, be quashed and set aside against the petitioners.

10. Accordingly, the entire criminal proceeding including the F.I.R. in connection with the order dated 14.01.2020 passed in connection with Gonda P.S. Case No. 122 of 2019 (G.R. No. 165 of 2020) which is now pending in the court of learned Judicial Magistrate, 1st Class, Ranchi, is quashed and set aside qua the petitioners named above.

11. In the result, this Cr.M.P. stands allowed.

12. In view of disposal of the instant Criminal Miscellaneous petition., I.A. No.15464 of 2026 is also disposed of accordingly.

13. Pending I.As., if any, is disposed of being infructuous.

(Anil Kumar Choudhary, J.)

High Court of Jharkhand, Ranchi
Dated the 30.10.2026
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