



(This order is corrected pursuant to the Speaking to the Minutes order dated 27.02.2026.)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1854 OF 2024

RAVINDRA DIGAMBAR KULKARNI AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

Advocate for Applicants : Mr. Suraj V. Gundre
APP for Respondents-State : Ms. R. R. Tandale
Advocate for Respondent No. 2 : Mr. P. S. Dikle

WITH
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1731 OF 2025
IN APPLN/1854/2024

CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

Date : 18th February, 2026

ORDER :-

1. The applicants have moved this Court seeking to quash the complaint presented by the respondent No. 2 bearing Crime No. 146 of 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 323, 504 and 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered with the Satara Police Station, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar.

2. Raising an exception to the same, present proceeding has been presented under Section 528 of the BNSS / 482 of the

CrPC.

3. During the pendency of this proceedings, the parties were directed to explore the possibility of an amicable settlement through mediation by order dated 18.12.2024. The mediation report has been submitted on 31.01.2025 and the same is taken on record and marked as "**X**" for identification.

4. Having considered the nature of the dispute, it is evident that the proceedings arise out of a matrimonial conflict. In light of the settlement arrived at between the parties and endorsed by the Mediator, further continuation of the criminal proceedings would be a futile exercise and would amount to an abuse of the process of law.

5. Consequently, to meet the ends of justice and to prevent the unnecessary rigmarole of a trial in a settled matter, I am inclined to exercise inherent powers in favour of the applicants.

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Application No. 1854 of 2024 stands **allowed** in terms of prayer Clause **(B), (C-i) and (C-ii)**.

7. The impugned complaint i.e. Crime No. 146 of 2024 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 323, 504 and 506 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered with the Satara Police Station, Dist. Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, is hereby **quashed and set aside.**

8. The Criminal Application No. 1731 of 2025 is **allowed** in terms of prayer **Clause (B).**

(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.)

Omkar Joshi