



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

970 CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 3063 OF 2025

Prashant Damodhar Thorat And Others

VERSUS

The State Of Maharashtra And Another

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Advocate for Applicants : Mr. R. V. Gore

APP for Respondent 1 : Mrs. A.S. Mantri

Advocate for Respondent-2 : Mr. S.M. Mule

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CORAM : S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.

Dated : January 30, 2026

FINAL ORDER :-

1. The applicants seeks quashment of the FIR dated 22.5.2025 in Crime No.189 of 2025 registered with Gangapur Police Station, Tq. Gangapur, District Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar for the offences punishable under sections 316 (2), 318(4), 336 (3), 322, 3(5) of the Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Learned advocates appearing for respective parties made joint submissions before this Court that applicants and respondent no.2 have arrived at amicable settlement of the dispute. Respondent no.2 filed her reply affidavit dated 17.11.2025 stating that on intervention of relatives, amicable

settlement has been arrived and she has no objection to allow application and quash FIR and further proceeding.

3. The perusal of FIR reveals that respondent no.2 had grievance against applicants that they have sold out joint family property vide sale-deed dated 5.11.2024 in favour of Shivaji Chandel, ignoring her right in property. Eventually, crime was registered against applicants. In the reply affidavit filed by respondent no.2, she has categorically stated that she has no grievance regarding aforesaid sale-deed. The R.C.S. No.134 of 2025 was instituted by her challenging sale-deed and she agreed to withdraw the same. The aforesaid factual background suggests that dispute between parties was predominantly of civil nature and it has been resolved by amicable settlement.

4. In the aforesaid backdrop, there is no reason to continue criminal prosecution, which would be futile and wastage of judicial time. In case of **Narinder Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and another reported in (2014) SCC 466** Hon'ble Supreme Court of India laid down guidelines to exercise inherent powers for quashment of FIR and criminal proceeding, particularly, when there is genuine settlement of

civil dispute between parties, which has given rise to filing of criminal proceeding. The aforesaid proposition of law perfectly applies in facts of the present case as dispute discernible from contents of FIR and charge-sheet was predominantly of civil nature and parties have genuinely settled the same.

5. In the result, Criminal application is allowed in terms of prayer clause “A” and disposed of.

(S. G. CHAPALGAONKAR, J.)

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