



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 496 OF 2026

PRADNYASAGAR DADARAO DANDGE AND OTHERS
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

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Advocate for Applicants : Mr. Imran Khan Guftar Khan Durrani
APP for Respondents-State : Mr. C. V. Bhadane
Advocate for Respondent No. 2 : Mr. A. L. Narwade
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CORAM : SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.

Date : 25th February, 2026

PER COURT :-

1. The applicants have moved this Court seeking to quash the complaint i.e. final report / charge-sheet bearing Regular Criminal Case No. 427 of 2022 pending before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bhokardan, Dist. Jalna arising out of Crime No. 544 of 2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 323, 504 and 506r.w 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered with the Bhokardan Police Station, Dist. Jalna.

2. The learned Counsel for applicants and the learned Counsel for respondent No. 2 submit that the parties have reached a mutual compromise and amicably settled the dispute. It is further submitted parties are resolute to resolve all grievances in relation

to the FIR through mutual intervention. It is submitted that the parties have amicably resolved their differences and by mutual agreement and have decided to part ways.

3. Admittedly, the present application is presented under Section 528 of BNSS / 482 of the CrPC, seeking to quash the FIR and subsequent charge-sheet on the grounds that the informant and applicants (accused) have reached an amicable settlement. The informant i.e. respondent No. 2 has filed an affidavit stating that the dispute has been resolved.

4. At this juncture, it would be apt to reproduce the observations rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of **Narindar Singh vs. State of Punjab [2014(2) MLJ (Cri) 365]**, as under :-

"28. Having said so, we would hasten to add that though it is a serious offence as the accused person(s) attempted to take the life of another person/victim, at the same time the court cannot be oblivious to hard realities that many times whenever there is a quarrel between the parties leading to physical commotion and sustaining of injury by either or both the parties, there is a tendency to give it a slant of an offence under Section 307 IPC as well. Therefore, only because FIR/Charge-sheet incorporates the provision of Section 307 IPC would not, by itself, be a ground to reject the petition under section 482 of the Code and refuse to accept the settlement between the parties. We are, therefore, of the opinion that while taking a call as to whether

compromise in such cases should be effected or not, the High Court should go by the nature of injury sustained, the portion of the bodies where the injuries were inflicted (namely whether injuries are caused at the vital/delicate parts of the body) and the nature of weapons used etc. On that basis, if it is found that there is a strong possibility of proving the charge under Section 307 IPC, once the evidence to that effect is led and injuries proved, the Court should not accept settlement between the parties. On the other hand, on the basis of prima facie assessment of the aforesaid circumstances, if the High Court forms an opinion that provisions of Section 307 IPC were unnecessary included in the charge sheet, the Court can accept the plea of compounding of the offence based on settlement between the parties. "

5. Considering the issue involved involved in the matter and aforesaid precedents, it is evident that the informant and the applicants (accused) have reached an amicable settlement regarding the matrimonial dispute. Considering that the parties have amicably resolved their differences and by mutual agreement, have decided to part ways to pursue independent interests, the continuance of these criminal proceedings, in light of the informant's resolute to resolve the issue, would lead to a futile trial and a definite abuse of the process of law. Therefore, I am inclined to exercise inherent powers under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to meet the ends of justice and quash the proceedings against the applicants.

6. Accordingly, the application stands **allowed** in terms of

prayer Clauses **(B)**.

7. The impugned complaint i.e. final report / charge-sheet bearing Regular Criminal Case No. 427 of 2022 pending before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Bhokardan, Dist. Jalna arising out of Crime No. 544 of 2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 323, 504 and 506 r.w 34 of the Indian Penal Code registered with the Bhokardan Police Station, Dist. Jalna., is **quashed and set aside** as against applicants.

(SACHIN S. DESHMUKH, J.)

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