IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APL) NO. 1652 OF 2026

1. Shrenik Vipin Vikam
2. Nayana Vipin Vikam .... Applicants

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Ratan L. Adhe for the Applicants.
Mr. R.M. Pethe, APP for Respondent No.1 – State.
Mr. Rajat Dedhia for Respondent No.2.
Ms. Miral Harilal Soni, Respondent No.2, present.

CORAM: SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.
DATED : 14th OCTOBER, 2026

P.C. :-

1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties. Perused the record.

2. Present application seeks to quash and set-aside the impugned FIR bearing Cr.No.177/2026 registered with Naupada Police Station, Thane for the offence punishable under Sections 3(5), 352, 351(2), 316(2), 115(2) and 85 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ("BNS") on the report dated 19.06.2026 filed by Respondent No.2 ("the victim") against the applicants.

3. Applicant Nos.1 and 2 are the husband and mother-in-law of the victim. Applicant No.1 and the victim got married with each other on 13.12.2013. After the marriage, she went to cohabit in the family of the applicants. It is alleged that after the marriage till filing of the report, the victim was subjected to cruelty to coerce her to fulfill the unlawful demand of dowry made by the applicants. They misappropriated her *Streedhan*. Therefore, the aforesaid crime came to be registered.

4. The learned Advocates for the parties state that, now, the dispute is amicably settled between the parties. After filing of the said case, applicant No.1 and the victim have filed a divorce petition by mutual consent in the Family Court, Thane. Therefore, the victim does not want to prosecute the applicants in the said case and she has given her consent and no objection to quash and set aside the said FIR. Mr. Dedhia, learned Advocate tendered an Affidavit sworn by the victim to that effect. It is taken on record and marked as 'X'.

5. The victim is present before the Court. She is identified by Mr. Dedhia. She has reiterated the contents of the Affidavit. She states that since she and Applicant No.1 have decided to dissolve the marriage, therefore, she does not want to prosecute the applicants in the said case. Therefore, she has given her consent and no objection for quashing of the impugned FIR. The victim is firm on her stand not to prosecute the applicants.

6. In the wake of above, no purpose would be served by continuing the subject matter FIR. As a result, I am inclined to allow the application.

7. Thus, the application is allowed. Hence, following Order :-

(i) Criminal Application No.1652 of 2026 is allowed.

(ii) The Cr.No.177/2026 registered with Naupada Police Station, Thane for the offence punishable under Sections 3(5), 352, 351(2), 316(2), 115(2) and 85 of BNS, is quashed and set-aside.

7.1 Application stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

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(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)