



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH : NAGPUR**

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APL) NO. 142 OF 2026
(Ramesh Govindrao Fuke & Ors. V/s State of Maharashtra & Ors.)

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Ms. N. N. Barange, Advocate for Applicants.
Mr. A. M. Ghogare, APP for Non-applicant No.1/State.
Non-applicant No.2 is present in Court.

CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.
DATE : JANUARY 30, 2026.

. Heard.

2. By this Application, the Applicants are seeking quashment of the proceeding bearing Regular Criminal Case No. 447/2025 arising out of Crime No. 575/2024 for the offence punishable under Sections 498-A, 506, 504, 323 and 294 read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code pending on the file of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nagpur.

3. It is pointed out that during the pendency of one of the proceeding arising out of the provisions of Protection of Woman from Domestic Violence Act, the matter was sent for mediation and their dispute was amicably settled before the Mediator. Accordingly, all civil as well as criminal proceedings were decided to be withdrawn by the Non-applicant No.2 subject

to payment of full and final settlement amount of Rs.11.25 Crores. The settlement deed was executed before the Mediator on 24/12/2025, which is duly signed by all the parties in presence of the Mediator. As such, on the basis of settlement deed, prayer is made to allow the present Application.

4. Today, the Applicant Nos.1 and 4 are present through Video Conferencing and Applicant Nos.2, 3 and 5 are present in Court. Respective Advocates identified the Applicants and Non-applicant No.2 and also confirms the fact that settlement deed was duly signed by them on 24/12/2025.

5. Both the parties pointed out that as per terms of settlement, the consent terms will be complied with within 90 days after granting permission from the Court to transfer the property in the name of party No.2 of settlement deed. As such, out of Rs.11.25 Crores, part payment of Rs.2.00 Crores has been made to the Non-applicant No.2. The remaining amount will be paid as per the terms of settlement deed.

6. In view of the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the cases of *B. S. Joshi and Others V/s State of Haryana and Another, (2003) 4 Supreme Court Cases 675* and *Narinder Singh V/s State of Punjab, (2014) 6 SCC 466* there is no impediment to compromise the matter arising out of the family

dispute or matrimonial dispute. Particularly when the parties have resolved their entire dispute amongst themselves.

7. In the above facts and circumstances of the matter, Criminal Application is allowed.

8. The proceeding bearing Regular Criminal Case No. 447/2025 arising out of Crime No. 575/2024 for the offence punishable under Sections 498-A, 506, 504, 323 and 294 read with Section 34 of Indian Penal Code pending on the file of Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nagpur is hereby quashed and set aside.

9. It is made clear that the Non-applicant No.2 would be at liberty to take appropriate steps, if the terms of the settlement are not satisfied by the Applicants in the matter.

10. Since the Criminal Application is disposed of, pending Criminal Application No. 289/2026 does not survive. The same stands disposed of accordingly.

[PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.]

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