



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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION [APL] NO.208 OF 2026

1. Shreyas s/o Narendra Bhonge,
Age 32 years, Occupation-Service. (Husband)
 2. Nalini w/o Narendra Bhonge,
Age 53 years, Occupation-Household. (Mother-in-law)
 3. Himanshu s/o Narendra Bhonge,
Age 29 years, Occupation-Nil. (Brother-in-law)
- 1 to 3 R/o. Flat No.101, Kanchanganga
Society, Vaikantgir Apartments,
Vanadongri, Nagpur. .. Applicants

..Versus..

1. State of Maharashtra,
Through Police Station Officer,
Police Station, Sewagram,
District-Wardha.
2. Monali w/o Shreyas Bhonge,
Age 31 years, Occupation-Service,
R/o. Flat No.101, Kanchanganga
Society, Vaikantgir Apartments,
Vanadongri, Nagpur. .. Non-Applicants

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Shri R.P. Durge, Advocate for Applicants.
Mrs. D.I. Charlewar, APP for Non-Applicant No.1/State.
Shri A.U. Deshmukh, Advocate for Non-Applicant No.2.
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CORAM : PRAVIN S. PATIL, J.

DATED : 09.02.2026.

JUDGMENT

1. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.
2. By this application, the challenge is to the proceeding of Regular Criminal Case No.910/2022 pending before the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Wardha arising out of the Chargesheet No.130/2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 506 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. During the pendency of the proceeding, both the parties agreed for amicable settlement and accordingly now both are residing together. As such, their matrimonial dispute is resolved and consequently the non-applicant no.2-wife do not want to proceed with the prosecution against the present applicants.
4. The applicants and non-applicant no.2 are present in the court. The respective counsel identified their attendance. So also non-applicant no.2 has filed the affidavit dated 11.12.2025 stating that she do not want to proceed against the present applicants.
5. In view of the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of

India in the case of *B.S. Joshi and others .vs. State of Haryana and another*, reported in *(2003) 4 SCC 675*, it is held that quashing of criminal proceeding in a matrimonial dispute should be allowed and Section 320 does not limit or affect the powers available to this court under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure/Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

6. In view of this legal position and the fact that the matter arising out of the matrimonial dispute which is amicably settled between the parties, I proceed to pass the following order :

O R D E R

- (1) The application is allowed.
- (2) The proceeding of Regular Criminal Case No.910/2022 pending before the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Wardha arising out of the Chargesheet No.130/2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 498-A, 506 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code, is hereby quashed and set aside against the present applicants.
- (3) No order as to costs.

(Pravin S. Patil, J.)