SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			C528/538/2026 Neeraj Adhikari --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand and Another --Respondents **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Rohit Kumar, learned counsel holding brief of Ms. Nipush Mola Joshi, learned counsel for the applicant. Mr. N.S. Kaniyal, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. Mr. Rajat Kholia, learned counsel for respondent no. 2. 2. The present application under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "BNSS"), has been filed by the applicant seeking quashing of the charge-sheet dated 27.11.2023 arising out of FIR No. 03 of 2022, dated 15.06.2022, the summoning order dated 29.08.2025, and the consequential proceedings pending before the Court of Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate, Ranikhet. 3. Along with the present application, a compounding application, being I.A. No. 01 of 2026, has also been filed. The said application bears the signatures of the parties and has been duly identified by their respective learned counsel. The application is supported by affidavits of the parties, wherein it has been stated that they have amicably settled their dispute and that respondent no. 2 does not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. 4. The applicant and respondent no. 2 are present before this Court through video conferencing and have been duly identified by their respective learned counsel. 5. Learned State Counsel has opposed the application for compounding, contending that

			some of the offences alleged are non-compoundable. 6. Upon being interacted with by this Court, respondent no. 2 submits that the dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and that she no longer wishes to pursue the matter any further. 7. Upon interacting with the parties and considering the material available on record, including the fact that the video in question was sent by respondent no. 2 herself and has since been deleted, this Court is satisfied that the settlement has been arrived at voluntarily, without any coercion, pressure or undue influence. Respondent no. 2 has unequivocally expressed her desire not to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. 8. Having regard to the nature and circumstances of the dispute, the allegations involved, the fact that the parties have amicably settled their differences, and the voluntary nature of the settlement, this Court has considered whether the continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve any useful purpose or whether the exercise of its inherent jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS is warranted in the interests of justice. 9. In *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab*, (2012) 10 SCC 303; *Narinder Singh v. State of Punjab*, (2014) 6 SCC 466; and *State of Madhya Pradesh v. Laxmi Narayan*, (2019) 5 SCC 688, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has elucidated the principles governing the exercise of inherent jurisdiction for quashing criminal proceedings on the basis of a compromise between the parties. While exercising such jurisdiction, the Court must consider the nature and gravity of the offences, the circumstances in which the dispute arose, and whether quashing the proceedings would secure the ends of justice. 10. In view of the facts and circumstances of the present case, and upon consideration of the nature of the allegations, the material available on record, and the amicable

			settlement arrived at between the parties, this Court is of the considered opinion that the settlement is genuine and voluntary. Respondent no. 2 has categorically stated that she does not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. Accordingly, subject to the nature of the offences alleged and the applicable legal principles, this Court considers it appropriate to exercise its inherent jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS to secure the ends of justice. 11. Consequently, the compounding application (I.A. No. 01 of 2026) is disposed of in terms of the settlement between the parties. In exercise of the inherent jurisdiction vested in this Court under Section 528 of the BNSS, the charge-sheet dated 27.11.2023 arising out of FIR No. 03 of 2022, dated 15.06.2022, the summoning order dated 29.08.2025, and the consequential criminal proceedings pending before the Court of Civil Judge (Junior Division)/Judicial Magistrate, Ranikhet, are hereby quashed qua the applicant. 12. Accordingly, the present criminal miscellaneous application under Section 528 of the BNSS stands disposed of. 13. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of. **(Alok Mahra, J.)** 27-10-2026 SHIKSHA SHUKLA