SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			C528/2491/2026 Chandra Prakash Bata Alias Bata Verma and Others --Applicants **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Alok Kumar, learned counsel for the applicants. Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. Mr. Aananya Jain, 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 applicants seeking quashing of the charge-sheet dated 24.05.2024, the cognizance and summoning order dated 13.08.2026, and the entire proceedings of Criminal Case No. 1060 of 2026, titled *State vs. Chandra Prakash and Others*, under Sections 323, 452, 504 and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (hereinafter referred to as the "IPC"), pending before the Court of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Roorkee, District Haridwar. 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 applicants and respondent no. 2 are present before this Court through video conferencing and have been duly identified by their respective learned counsel. 5. This Court has interacted with the parties. During the interaction, the parties submitted that the dispute arose due to certain misunderstandings, which have now been resolved amicably, and that they have entered

into a settlement out of their own free will and consent.

6. Learned State Counsel has opposed the compounding application.

7. Upon interaction with this Court, respondent no. 2 reiterated that the dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and that he no longer wishes to pursue the criminal proceedings any further.

8. Upon interacting with the parties and considering the material available on record, 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 his intention not to pursue the criminal proceedings any further.

9. Having regard to the nature and circumstances of the dispute, the allegations levelled, the settlement arrived at between the parties and the voluntary nature of the settlement, this Court has considered whether continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve any useful purpose or whether exercise of the inherent jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS is warranted in the interest of justice.

10. 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 laid down 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 is required to consider the nature and gravity of the offences, the circumstances in which the dispute arose and whether quashing of the proceedings would secure the ends of justice. The mere fact that the parties have entered into a settlement does not, by itself, warrant quashing of criminal proceedings. The Court is required to independently assess the facts and circumstances of each case.

11. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties and the circumstances placed on record, this Court is satisfied that the dispute between the parties has been amicably resolved and that continuation of the criminal proceedings would not serve any fruitful purpose. Accordingly, this Court finds it appropriate to exercise its inherent jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS to secure the ends of justice.

			12. Accordingly, the compounding application, being I.A. No. 01 of 2026, is allowed. Consequently, in exercise of the inherent jurisdiction vested in this Court under Section 528 of the BNSS, the charge-sheet dated 24.05.2024, the cognizance and summoning order dated 13.08.2026, and the entire proceedings of Criminal Case No. 1060 of 2026, titled *State vs. Chandra Prakash and Others*, under Sections 323, 452, 504 and 506 IPC, pending before the Court of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Roorkee, District Haridwar, are hereby quashed. 13. Consequently, the present criminal miscellaneous application under Section 528 of the BNSS stands disposed of in the above terms. 14. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of. **(Alok Mahra, J.)** 05-11-2026 

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