SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			C528/2496/2026 Mohd Salman --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Ms. Sheetal Selwal, learned counsel for the applicant. Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. Mr. Sunny Kumar, learned counsel for respondent nos. 2 and 3. 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 23.12.2025, the summoning and cognizance order dated 12.03.2026, passed by the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Haldwani, District Nainital, in Criminal Case No. 552 of 2026 (arising out of FIR No. 0074 of 2024), titled "State vs. Salman", registered at Police Station Haldwani, District Nainital, under Sections 323 and 376 of the Indian Penal Code (hereinafter referred to as the "IPC"), as well as the entire proceedings of the aforesaid criminal case, pending before the Court of the learned Ist Additional District Judge, Haldwani, District Nainital, in Sessions Trial No. 26 of 2026. 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 nos. 2 and 3 do not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. 4. The applicant and respondent nos. 2 and 3 are present before this Court 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 they have amicably settled their dispute and do not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings any further. 6. Learned State Counsel has opposed the compounding application. 7. Upon interaction with this Court, respondent nos. 2 and 3 reiterated that the dispute has been amicably settled between the parties and that they no longer wish 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 nos. 2 and 3 have unequivocally expressed their 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 has considered the prayer for quashing of the criminal proceedings in the light of the aforesaid principles and the nature of the allegations involved. 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 23.12.2025, the summoning and cognizance order dated 12.03.2026, and the entire proceedings of Criminal Case No. 552 of 2026, arising out of FIR No. 0074 of 2024, registered at Police Station Haldwani, District Nainital, under Sections 323 and 376 IPC, pending before the Court of the learned Ist Additional District Judge, Haldwani, District Nainital, in Sessions

			Trial No. 26 of 2026, are hereby quashed. 13. Accordingly, 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 SB