SL. No.	Date	Office Notes, reports, orders or proceedings or directions and Registrar's order with Signatures	COURT'S OR JUDGE'S ORDERS
			C528/2628/2026 Ram Singh Dhami --Applicant **Versus** State Of Uttarakhand and Another --Respondents **Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.** Mr. Akshay Joshi, learned counsel for the applicant. Mr. Dinesh Chauhan, learned A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand. Ms. Medha Pande, learned counsel for respondent no. 2. 2. The present Criminal Miscellaneous 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 02.04.2026, the cognizance order dated 10.04.2026 and the entire proceedings of Special Sessions Trial No. 10 of 2026, pending before the Court of learned District and Sessions Judge/Special Judge (POCSO), Pithoragarh, arising out of FIR No. 0021 of 2026, dated 11.02.2026, registered at Police Station Kotwali Pithoragarh, under Sections 64, 87, 79, 115(2), 137(2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 5/6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, on the basis of a compromise arrived at between the applicant and respondent no. 2. 3. Heard learned counsel for the applicant, learned counsel for respondent no. 2 and learned State Counsel. 4. An FIR was lodged by the complainant alleging that

			the victim had been subjected to sexual and physical assault by the applicant. After investigation, the police submitted a charge-sheet against the applicant. 5. The mother of the applicant, who has been authorised to file an affidavit on behalf of the applicant, as the applicant is presently lodged in jail, is present before this Court through video conferencing. Respondent no. 2 is present before this Court. 6. 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. 7. This Court has interacted with respondent no. 2. During the interaction, she has stated that they belong to the same village and that the present FIR came to be lodged on account of certain misunderstandings between them. She has further stated that she is pursuing her graduation and that the dispute has now been amicably resolved. She has categorically stated that the settlement has been arrived at out of her own free will and consent, without any coercion, pressure or undue influence. 8. Learned State Counsel has opposed the compounding application. 9. 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 her intention not to pursue the criminal proceedings any further and has also acknowledged receipt of the entire settled amount.

10. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court proceeds to examine the prayer for quashing of the criminal proceedings in exercise of its inherent jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS.

11. Accordingly, the compounding application, being I.A. No. 01 of 2026, is allowed.

12. Consequently, the charge-sheet dated 02.04.2026, cognizance order dated 10.04.2026 and the entire proceedings of Special Sessions Trial No. 10 of 2026, pending before the Court of learned District and Sessions Judge/Special Judge (POCSO), Pithoragarh, arising out of FIR No. 0021 of 2026, dated 11.02.2026, registered at Police Station Kotwali Pithoragarh, under Sections 64, 87, 79, 115(2), 137(2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Sections 5/6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, are hereby quashed qua the applicant.

13. The applicant shall be released from jail forthwith, if not wanted in any other case.

14. Consequently, the present Criminal Miscellaneous Application stands disposed of in the above terms.

15. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(Alok Mahra, J.)
26-11-2026

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