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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **CRL.M.C. 317/2026, CRL.M.A. 1197/2026**

RITU MATHUR

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Swati Saxena, Mr. Hemant
Kumar and Mr. Himashu Pandit,
Advs.

versus

THE STATE (GNCT OF DELHI) AND ANRRespondents

Through: Mr. Raghuinder Verma, APP for
State alongwith Mr. Aditya Vikram
Singh, Advs. and SI Rishi Kant
Mishra, PS.: Safdarjung Enclave.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

14.01.2026

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1. By virtue of the present petition under *Section 528* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (***BNSS***), the petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.18/2017 dated 19.01.2017 registered under *Sections 420/406/34* of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (***IPC***) at PS.: Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi, and all other proceedings emanating therefrom, in view of the settlement arrived at between the petitioner and the respondent no.2 on 17.09.2024.
2. The present petition is also accompanied by the Divorce Deed by mutual consent dated 06.01.2026 [***Annexure- P/5***], as well as the respective affidavits of the petitioner and respondent no.2, alongwith their proofs of identity.
3. Issue notice.



4. Learned APP for the State accepts notice, and submits that he has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR No.18/2017 dated 19.01.2017.

5. Respondent no.2, present in Court, also accepts notice and confirms the Divorce Deed granted by mutual consent to the petitioner and respondent no.2 on 06.01.2026. She further affirms that the petitioner has already paid her the total settlement amount of Rs.2,93,00,000/- as full and final settlement of all her claims including alimony, maintenance (present, past and future), stridhan, etc. She states that she has no objection to the quashing of the FIR No.18/2017 dated 19.01.2017.

6. Further, the petitioner and the respondent no.2, present in Court, as well as their credentials, as on record, have been identified by the Investigating Officer.

7. In view of the fact that a settlement has already been arrived at between the parties, they shall remain bound by all the terms and conditions contained therein. As such, following the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Jitendra Raghuvanshi & Ors. vs. Babita Raguvanshi & Anr. (2013) 4 SCC 58***, ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Anr. (2012) 10 SCC 303*** and ***Narinder Singh & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Anr. (2014) 6 SCC 466***, this Court is of the opinion that continuation of the aforesaid FIR No.18/2017 dated 19.01.2017 will be an exercise in futility.

8. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.18/2017 dated 19.01.2017 registered under *Sections 420/406/34* of the IPC at PS.: Safdarjung Enclave, Delhi, and all other proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.



9. Accordingly, the petition alongwith pending application is disposed of.

SAURABH BANERJEE, J

JANUARY 14, 2026/bh