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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 189/2026**

RAHUL @ SONU AND ORS

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aman Verma, Advocate with
petitioners in person.

versus

STATE THROUGH SHO PS KESHAV PURAM AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Lao, Standing Counsel for
the State.

SI Harish Hood and SI Ramesh
Kumar.

R-2 via video-conferencing.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

% **19.01.2026**

CRL.M.A. 1751/2026 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

Let requisite compliances be made within 01 week.

The application stands disposed-of.

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By way of the present writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioners, who are former husband and in-laws of the complainant/respondent No. 2, seek quashing of case FIR No.0578/2020 dated 10.10.2020 registered



under sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC') at P.S.: Keshav Puram, North-West District, Delhi.

2. The petition is premised on mediated Settlement Agreement dated 23.02.2022 arrived at through mediation before the Counselling Cell, Family Courts, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi; and Divorce Decree dated 13.10.2025, which is the culmination of petitions under sections 13B(1) and 13B(2) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955, whereby the parties had sought dissolution of their marriage by mutual consent.
3. The petition is supported by affidavits of the petitioners, as also of respondent No. 2, alongwith proof of their IDs.
4. The petitioners are present in court. Respondent No.2 has joined *via* video-conferencing. Their credentials have been verified and they have also been identified by their respective counsel.
5. The parties have confirmed that no child was born from the wed-lock.
6. No appeal is stated to have been filed from the divorce decree.
7. The court has queried respondent No. 2, who confirms that she has taken divorce by mutual consent; and that a settlement deed has been entered into between the parties; and that in full-and-final settlement of all her claims including towards maintenance (past, present and future), *stridhan*, dowry articles, jewellery, permanent alimony, etc., she has already received a sum of Rs. 5 Lacs from petitioner No. 1, in compliance of the terms of the settlement deed. Respondent No. 2 confirms that all aspects of the settlement have now been performed.
8. Mr. Sanjay Lao, learned Standing Counsel confirms that the State has no objection to the subject FIR being quashed.



9. In the circumstances, in line with the law laid down by the Supreme Court in ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Anr.*** reported as (2012) 10 SCC 303 as also in ***Narinder Singh & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Anr.*** reported as (2014) 6 SCC 466, this court sees no reason why the subject FIR and all proceedings emanating therefrom should not be quashed. This court is of the view that in light of the settlement between the contesting parties, continuing with the subject FIR and all subsequent proceedings would be an exercise in futility and would not be conducive to peace and harmony between the parties.
10. Accordingly, case FIR No.0578/2020 dated 10.10.2020 registered under sections 498A/406/34 IPC at P.S.: Keshav Puram, North-West District, Delhi is quashed. All proceedings arising therefrom also stand closed.
11. Petition stands disposed-of.
12. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

JANUARY 19, 2026

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