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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 442/2026**

RANJANA CHHABRA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Kanhaiya Singhal, Ms. Prasanna, Ms. Avantika Shankar and Mr. Pulkit Jolly, Advocates with petitioner in person (through VC)

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anand V. Khatri, ASC for State with SI Rajat Malik, PS: Dwarka South
Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate for R-2 with R-2 in person

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

17.03.2026

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1. By virtue of the present petition under *Article 226* of the Constitution of India, the petitioner seeks quashing of the FIR No.21/2024 dated 10.01.2024 registered at PS: Dwarka South under *Section 420* Indian Penal Code, 1860 (*IPC*) and all proceedings emanating therefrom, in view of the Memorandum of Understanding (*MOU*) dated 29.01.2026 [*Annexure P2*] arrived at between the petitioner and the respondent no.2, which is accompanied by their respective proofs of identities.
2. Issue notice.
3. Learned ASC for the State accepts notice, and submits, that he has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.



4. Respondent no.2, present in Court, also accepts notice and affirms the terms of the aforesaid MOU, whereby the petitioner has already paid her a sum of Rs.16,00,000/- out of the total settlement amount of Rs.32,00,000/-, and has further handed over a Demand Draft/ Banker Cheque dated 19.01.2026 bearing No.522182 of Rs.16,00,000/- (ICICI Bank Limited, Branch-Dwarka) in Court to her today as full and final settlement of all her present, past and future claims. She further submits that she has voluntarily settled all her disputes with the petitioner, and that she does not wish to pursue the criminal proceedings against the petitioner and has no objection if the present FIR is quashed.

5. The petitioner and the respondent no.2, present in Court, as well as their credentials, as on record, have been identified by the IO.

6. Facts disclose that the parties have voluntarily arrived at a settlement, and thus have filed their respective affidavit(s) along with the present petition. As such, the parties shall remain bound by all the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived *inter se* themselves. Thus, following the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Jitendra Raghuvanshi & Ors. vs. Babita Raghuvanshi & 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***, since there is nothing left to corroborate and prove the case of the prosecution, continuation of the aforesaid FIR against the petitioner will be an exercise in futility.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.21/2024 dated 10.01.2024 registered at PS: Dwarka South under *Section 420 IPC* and all proceedings emanating therefrom are hereby quashed.



8. Considering the public machinery was involved and as a gesture of goodwill, the petitioner as well as respondent no.2 undertake to contribute a sum of Rs.50,000/- [*Rupees Fifty Thousand Only*] each towards the Army Central Welfare Fund [Account No. 520101236373338 and IFSC Code UBIN0530778], within a period of *four weeks*.

9. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

SAURABH BANERJEE, J

MARCH 17, 2026/So