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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(CRL) 436/2026**
KARAN PANWAR AND ORSPetitioner
Through: Counsel (appearance not given).
Petitioner in court.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANRRespondents
Through: Mr. Sanjay Lao, Standing Counsel
(Criminal) for the State.
Mr. U. S. Yadav with Mr. Ravinder
Kr. Bhola and Mr. Manav Dutt Gaur,
Advocates for R2.
R-2 in court.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

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06.02.2026

CRL.M.A. 4020/2026

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

The application stands disposed-of.

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By way of the present petition filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India read with section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, the petitioners, who are the former husband and in-laws of the complainant/respondent No.2, seek quashing of case FIR No. 127/2016 dated 19.07.2016 registered under sections 498-A/406/24 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC') at P.S.: Crime (Women) Cell Nanak Pura, Delhi.

2. The petition is premised on Memorandum of Understanding attested on 26.11.2025 signed between the parties; and Divorce Decree dated



19.12.2025, 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 as well as respondent No. 2 are present in court. 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 Ms. Meenakshi, 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 received a sum of Rs.8,00,000/- from petitioner No.1. 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, FIR No.127/2016 dated 19.07.2016 registered under sections 498-A/406/24 of the IPC at P.S.: Crime (Women) Cell Nanak Pura, 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

FEBRUARY 6, 2026
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