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

+ **CRL.M.C. 1465/2026 & CRL.M.A. 5875/2026**

RASIK BHUTANI & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Gurmukh Singh Arora and Mr.
Kenet Paul, Advs.

versus

STATE OF GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Meenakshi Dahiya, APP for the
State with Mr. Bhuman Bansal and
Ms. Vanshika Singh, Advocates
with SI Sanjay Kumar, Crime
Branch, Chankya Puri and SI S. K.
Jha, PS.: Roop Nagar, Delhi.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

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16.03.2026

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. 120/2018 dated 31.05.2018 registered at PS.: Roop Nagar, Delhi under *Sections 498A/406/34* of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (***IPC***) and all proceedings emanating therefrom, in view of the Mediation Settlement Agreement (***MSA***) dated 01.02.2024 [***Annexure P2***] arrived at between the petitioner no.1 and the respondent no.2, which is accompanied by their respective proofs of identities.
2. Issue notice. Learned APP for State accepts notice, and records her objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.



3. Respondent no.2, present in Court, also accepts notice and affirms the terms of the aforesaid MSA dated 01.02.2024, whereby the petitioners have already paid her the total settlement amount of Rs.5,50,000/- as full and final settlement of all her present, past and future claims including alimony, maintenance, etc. Respondent no.2 further submits that her marriage with the petitioner no.1 has since been dissolved by mutual consent under *Section 13B(2)* of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1995 *vide* Decree dated 25.01.2025, and she has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.

4. The petitioners and the respondent no.2, present in Court, as well as their credentials, as on record, have been identified by the Investigating Officer.

5. As per what is before me, a settlement has already been arrived voluntarily between the parties and the present petition is accompanied by their respective affidavit(s) to the aforesaid effect. In view thereof, the parties shall remain bound by all the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived *inter se* themselves. 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***, since there is nothing left to corroborate and prove the case of the prosecution, continuation of the aforesaid FIR against the petitioners will be an exercise in futility.

6. Resultantly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No. 120/2018 dated 31.05.2018 registered at PS.: Roop Nagar, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC as also and all proceedings emanating therefrom



are hereby quashed.

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

SAURABH BANERJEE, J.

MARCH 16, 2026/bh