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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 849/2026 & CRL.M.A. 8114/2026**

NITIL MALIK & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. R.P.S Bhatti, Mr. S.S. Rath and
Ms. Asmita Shivani, Adv.

versus

THE STATE (GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI) & ANR.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Rupali Bandhopadhy, ASC.
Mr. Manish Sharma, Adv. for R-2
SI- Shubham, PS: Khajuri Khas

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

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18.03.2026

1. By virtue of the present petition under *Article 226* of the Constitution of India read with *Section 528* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, the petitioners seek quashing of FIR No.331/2024 dated 13.06.2024 registered at PS: Khajuri Khas, Delhi under *Sections 498A/406/506/34* of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (*IPC*) and *Section 4* of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (*Dowry Act*) and all proceedings emanating therefrom, in view of the Amended Settlement Deed dated 19.01.2026 [*Annexure C*] arrived at between the petitioner no.1 and the respondent no.2 before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Karkardooma Courts, which is accompanied by their respective proofs of identities.

2. Issue notice.



3. Learned ASC for the State accepts notice and submits that she 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 Amended Settlement Deed dated 19.01.2026, whereby the petitioner no.1 has already paid her a sum of Rs.12,60,000/- out of the total settlement amount of Rs.18,60,000/- and a Demand Draft being DD No. 039659 dated 11.03.2026 of Rs.6,00,000/- (Axis Bank, Shahdara Branch) has been handed over in Court to her today 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 26.02.2026 and she has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.
5. 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.
6. Facts disclose that the present petition is accompanied by a settlement already arrived voluntarily between the parties and their respective affidavit(s). 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.



7. Resultantly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.331/2024 dated 13.06.2024 registered at PS: Khajuri Khas, Delhi under *Sections 498A/406/506/34* of IPC and *Section 4* of the Dowry Act and all proceedings emanating therefrom are hereby quashed.

8. Accordingly, the present petition, alongwith the pending application, is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

SAURABH BANERJEE, J

MARCH 18, 2026/Ab