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

+ **CRL.M.C. 2221/2026, CRL.M.A. 9105/2026**

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.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bhanu Malhotra and Mr.
Rishabh, Advs. with petitioner in
person

versus

STATE GOVT. NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.Respondents

Through: Ms. Meenakshi Dahiya, APP for the
State with Ms. Vanshika Singh and
Mr. Apporva Khosla, Advocates
with SI Sweety Malik, PS.:
Paharganj
R-2 present in person

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

25.03.2026

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1. By virtue of the present petition under *Section 528* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (***BNSS***), the petitioner seeks quashing of the FIR No.581/2025 dated 02.11.2025 registered at PS.: Paharganj, Delhi under *Sections 376* of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (***IPC***) and *Section 6* of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (***POCSO Act***) and all proceedings emanating therefrom, since the petitioner and the respondent no.2 have settled and dissolved all their disputes and differences as the parties are now married to each other and in view of the Settlement Agreement dated 16.03.2026 [***Annexure G***] arrived between



the petitioner and the respondent no.2, which is accompanied by their respective proofs of identities.

2. Issue notice. Learned APP for the State accepts notice, and submits, that he has no 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 Settlement Agreement dated 16.03.2026, and as such, she has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.

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

5. Upon an overall consideration of the existing facts and circumstances, even though this Court is mindful that the present FIR has been registered under *Section 376* of the IPC and *Section 6* of the POCSO Act, however, this Court is inclined to quash the present FIR in exercise of its inherent powers under *Section 528* of BNSS, particularly, since the petitioner and respondent no.2 have married each other on 09.02.2026 and are presently living their respective lives peacefully together. As such, the quashing of the present FIR shall be in the interest of the petitioner and respondent no.2. Moreover, they have also voluntarily arrived at a settlement, and the present petition is also supported by their respective affidavit(s) to the said effect. They shall remain bound by all the terms and conditions of the settlement arrived *inter se* themselves.

6. Therefore, 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 petitioner will be an exercise in futility.

7. The present petition is thus allowed and FIR No.581/2025 dated 02.11.2025 registered at PS.: Paharganj, Delhi under *Sections 376* of the IPC and *Section 6* of POCSO 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 25, 2026/bh