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

% ***Date of Decision: 28th April, 2026***

+ **CRL.M.C. 2327/2026 & CRL.M.A. 9478/2026**

KAMLA DEVI AND ANR

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. J.K. Sharma and Ms. Cchaya
Arya, Advocates**

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: **Ms. Priyanka Dalal, APP for State/R-1
Mr. Sitaram, Advocate with R-2
Pushpa Kohli
ACP Indravati (Retired) and Insp.
Vikas Dabas**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

J U D G M E N T (oral)

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of FIR No. 399/2023 dated 04.08.2023, registered at Police Station Aman Vihar, for commission offences under Sections 323/341/506 IPC and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of *Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989*, along with all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.
2. As per averments appearing in abovesaid FIR, complainant-Pushpa Devi, a resident of Lakhi Ram Park and a social worker claimed that petitioner No. 1 used to obstruct movement of the people and had created a reign of terror in the locality, who used to obstruct construction of drain work. On 13.09.2022, when complainant was getting a particular road levelled with



the help of JCB, petitioner No.1 came there and grabbed her and started beating her. Her husband i.e. petitioner No.2 joined her. Her earring was snatched and according to the complainant, petitioners had also made *casteist remarks*.

3. Charges have already been ascertained and case is now at the stage of Prosecution Evidence.

4. However, both the parties have amicably settled the matter.

5. Copy of *Memorandum of Understanding* (MoU) dated 08.01.2026 has been placed on record.

6. Petitioner No. 1 is, reportedly, suffering from cancer and is present in Court on a wheelchair. Her husband is also present.

7. Respondent No. 2 is also present in-person alongwith her counsel and has been duly identified by Investigating Officer.

8. When asked, respondent No.2 reiterated the terms of settlement and submitted that she has entered into settlement of her own free-will and without any pressure, force, coercion and undue influence from any corner whatsoever. She also submits that in view of the amicable settlement, she does not want to pursue the aforesaid matter anymore and would have '*no objection*' if FIR in question is quashed.

9. In *Narinder Singh & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Anr.*: (2014) 6 SCC 466, the Apex Court observed that proceedings, even in non-compoundable cases, can be quashed on the basis of settlement provided that the Court is satisfied that there was no meaningful purpose in continuing with the proceedings, and that the scope of conviction was remote and bleak. Reference be made to *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & Anr.*: (2012) 10 SCC 303.



10. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties, continuing with criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose.
11. Accordingly, exercising inherent powers vested in this Court under Section 528 of *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023*, it is deemed appropriate to quash the instant FIR.
12. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice FIR No. 399/2023 dated 04.08.2023, registered at Police Station Aman Vihar, for commission offences under Sections 323/341/506 IPC and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of *Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989*, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is, hereby, quashed. Original affidavits of the parties, copies of which have been placed on record in the present proceedings, shall be submitted before the learned Trial Court within two weeks from today, so that these become part of Trial Court Record.
13. The petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.
14. Pending application also stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

APRIL 28, 2026/dr/sa