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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CRL.M.C. 2724/2026, CRL.M.A. 11072/2026, CRL.M.A. 11073/2026

SHRI MANU MAHESHWARI & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. S.B. Singh, Advocate for P-1 to 3
with P-1 to 3 in person.

versus

THE STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ANR.Respondents

Through: Ms. Kiran Bairwa, APP for the State.
SI Damini, P.S.: Vigilance.
SI Bhawna, P.S.: Vikaspuri.
Mr. Aakash Naval, Mr. Akash Mahi
and Mr. Abhishek Naval, Advocates
for R-2 with R-2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER
10.04.2026

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By way of the present petition filed under 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. 431/2024 dated 10.08.2024 registered under sections 498-A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code ('IPC'), 1860 at P.S.: Vikaspuri, West District, Delhi.

2. The petition is premised on Mediated Settlement Agreement dated 12.07.2025 arrived at through mediation before the Mediation Centre, Dwarka Courts, Delhi; and Divorce Decree dated 05.02.2026, which is the culmination of petitions under sections 13B(1) and 13B(2) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955, whereby petitioner No. 1 and respondent No. 2 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 one child, viz. Vriti Maheshwari, was born from the wedlock, who is minor as of date.
6. No appeal is stated to have been filed from the divorce decree.
7. The court has queried Ms. Deepti Sharma, respondent No. 2, who confirms that she has taken divorce by mutual consent; and that a settlement agreement 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 was to receive a sum of Rs. 21 lacs from petitioner No. 1; out of which Rs. 14 lacs was paid earlier and Rs. 07 lacs /- has been paid in court today, in compliance of the terms of the settlement deed. Respondent No. 2 confirms that all aspects of the settlement have now been performed.
8. Ms. Kiran Bairwa, learned APP 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. Though the settlement agreement also records that the minor child shall remain in the custody of respondent No.2 and petitioner No.1 shall have visitation rights, it is made clear that nothing in this settlement agreement would affect the right of the minor children to meet his father, if and when she so desires, subject to logistical convenience of the parties.
11. Needless to add that the settlement between the parties leading to the closure of all criminal proceedings by way of the present order will in no way affect the property rights and other rights of the minor/major child, viz., Vriti Maheshwari vis-à-vis their parents, as may be available under law, in any manner whatsoever.
12. Accordingly, FIR No. 431/2024 dated 10.08.2024 registered under sections 498-A/406/34 of the IPC, 1860 at P.S.: Vikaspuri, West District, Delhi is quashed. All proceedings arising therefrom also stand closed.
13. Petition stands disposed-of.
14. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

APRIL 10, 2026/hb