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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

% *Date of Decision: 26th May, 2026*

+ CRL.M.C. 4218/2026

ANIKET SHARMA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. P.P. Singh Bhati, Advocate with
petitioners in person.

versus

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

Through: Mr. Raj Kumar, APP for the State with
ASI Jitender Singh, PS Karawal
Nagar

Ms. Sakshi Sharma, Advocate for
respondent No.2 (through V.C.)
Respondent No.2 in person.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

J U D G M E N T (oral)

CRL.M.A. 17024/2026 (exemption)

Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

CRL.M.C. 4218/2026

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of FIR No.104/2024 dated 05.03.2024, registered at Police Station Karawal Nagar, Delhi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Section 4 of *Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961*, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.
2. The marriage between complainant (respondent No.2 herein) and petitioner No.1 was solemnized on 22.04.2022, as per Hindu rites and



Ceremonies. No child was born from abovesaid wedlock.

3. However, on account of temperamental differences, the parties started residing separately and when a complaint was lodged by respondent No.2, it resulted into registration of the abovesaid FIR.

4. Charge-sheet has already been filed and the case is at the stage of arguments on charge.

5. During proceedings of one case pending before learned Judge, Family Court, North East District, Karkardooma Courts, the parties were referred to *Counselling Cell*, Family Court, North East District, Karkardooma Courts and they were able to resolve all their disputes on 18.08.2025.

6. It is in the abovesaid backdrop that quashing is being sought.

7. Respondent no. 2 is present in person in Court and she has been duly identified by her counsel, who has joined the proceedings through *video-conferencing* as well as by Investigating Officer, who is present in Court.

8. When asked, respondent No. 2 reiterated the terms of abovesaid settlement and submits that there is already a divorce between them by way of mutual consent on 10.11.2025. She states that she has agreed to accept a total sum of Rs. 11,50,000/- as full and final settlement *in lieu* of *istridhan*, alimony, maintenance for self (past, present and future). She submits that she has already received Rs. 9,00,000/- and the balance amount of Rs.2,50,000/- has been received by her today in the shape of Demand Draft drawn on State Bank of India. She states that she has entered into the abovesaid settlement out of her own free will, without any coercion and influence from any corner whatsoever and therefore, she would have '*no objection*' if FIR in question is quashed.



9. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties, continuing with criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose, especially, when dispute does not involve any public interest and is, primarily, private in nature. In any case, even the complainant does not wish to press any charges against the petitioner.

10. 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.

11. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice, FIR No.104/2024 dated 05.03.2024, registered at Police Station Karawal Nagar, Delhi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Section 4 of *Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961*, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is, hereby, quashed subject to petitioners depositing total cost of Rs. 20,000/- with *Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee (DHCLSC)* within four weeks from today. Proof of deposit of cost and original affidavits of the parties shall be submitted within further two weeks before the learned Trial Court.

12. The present petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

MAY 26, 2026/st/sa