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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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

+ CRL.M.C. 4263/2026

PANKAJ ARORA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Prashant Kumar, Advocate with
petitioner in person.

versus

THE STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Satinder Singh Bawa, APP for the
State with SI Inderjeet and ASI
Rakesh, PS Rajouri Garden.
Mr. Yatin Dhawan, Advocate for
respondent No.2 with respondent No.2
in person

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

J U D G M E N T (oral)

CRL.M.A. 17166/2026 (exemption)

Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

CRL.M.C. 4263/2026

1. Petitioner herein seeks quashing of FIR No.287/2022 dated 11.03.2022, registered at Police Station Rajouri Garden, Delhi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406 IPC, 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 24.07.2018, 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.

5. However, when the matter was referred to mediation, the parties were able to amicably resolve the matter under the *aegis* of *Delhi Mediation Centre, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi* on 29.08.2025.

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 as well as by Investigating Officer.

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 23.03.2026. She states that she has agreed to accept a total sum of Rs. 3,25,000/- 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. 2,00,000/- and the balance amount of Rs. 1,25,000/- has also been received by her today in cash. 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.287/2022 dated 11.03.2022, registered at Police Station Rajouri Garden, Delhi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406 IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is, hereby, quashed.
12. Original affidavits of the parties shall be submitted before the learned Trial Court on or before the next date of hearing i.e. 14.07.2026.
13. The present petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

MAY 26, 2026/st/sa