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

% ***Date of Decision: 29th May, 2026***

+ **CRL.M.C. 4331/2026**

RAHUL & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. K.D. Soni with Ms. Kanchan and
Ms. Archana Garg, Advocates with
petitioner No.1 in person and
petitioner Nos.2 to 5 through V.C.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Raj Kumar, APP for the State with
SI Rahul Ranjan, PS Harsh Vihar.
Mr. Ram Kumar, 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. 17448/2026 (exemption)

Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

CRL.M.C. 4331/2026

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of FIR No. 535/2022 dated 10.09.2022, registered at Police Station Harsh Vihar, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Sections 3/4 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 17.02.2018, as per Hindu rites and customs. One male child was born from the 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 but charges are yet to be framed.
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, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi* on 28.09.2023. As per the terms of settlement, after grant of divorce, the custody of son of the parties would remain with father, i.e. petitioner No.1 and his mother would have visitation rights.
6. It is in the abovesaid backdrop that quashing is being sought.
7. Petitioner No.1 is present in Court and petitioner Nos.2 to 5 has joined the proceedings through *video-conferencing*.
8. Respondent no. 2 is present in person and she has been duly identified by her counsel as well as by Investigating Officer.
9. When asked, respondent No. 2 reiterates the terms of abovesaid settlement. She also submits that there is already a divorce between them by way of mutual consent on 20.05.2025. She states that she has agreed to accept a total sum of Rs. 13 Lacs as full and final settlement *in lieu* of *istridhan*, alimony, jewellery, maintenance for self (past, present and future). She submits that she has already received a sum of Rs. 8 lacs and the balance amount of Rs.5 lacs has been received today in the shape of Demand Draft drawn on Central 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.
10. Petitioner No.1 undertakes to adhere to the terms of settlement.



11. 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 petitioners.

12. 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.

13. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice, FIR No. 535/2022 dated 10.09.2022, registered at Police Station Harsh Vihar, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and Sections 3/4 *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 *District Legal Services Authority (DLSA)* within four weeks from today.

14. Proof of deposit of cost and original affidavits of the parties shall be submitted before the learned Trial Court within further two weeks, so that these become part of Trial Court Record.

15. The petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

MAY 29, 2026/st/sk