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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010496692026**

\+ CRL.M.C. 7763/2026

VISHAL VERMA & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Akhil Ganga and Mr. Nitin Kumar, Advs. (through V.C.).
Petitioners-in-person.

versus

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

Through: Mr. Digam Singh Dagar, APP for State with SI Rajkumar, PS Paharganj.
Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Advocate for R-2.
R-2 (through V.C.).

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIMAL KUMAR YADAV

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% 13.10.2026

1. Hybrid mode.

CRL.M.A. 32352/2026 & CRL.M.A. 32353/2026 (exemptions)

2. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions and subject to the condition that the requisite documents shall be filed as per Delhi High Court Rules.

3. Applications stand disposed of.

CRL.M.C. 7763/2026

4. This is a petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ("BNSS") seeking quashing of FIR No. 763/2023 dated 14.09.2023 registered at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/506/34 IPC along with the charge-sheet dated 28.03.2024 filed

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therein under Sections 498A/406/506/354/34 IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, on the basis of settlement arrived at between the parties.

5. The marriage between petitioner No. 1 and respondent No. 2 was solemnized on 27.01.2019 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies at Arya Samaj Mandir, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

6. On account of matrimonial differences, respondent No. 2 left the matrimonial home on 24.10.2019 and the parties have been residing separately since then. Upon a complaint made by respondent No. 2 before the CAW Cell, the abovesaid FIR was registered. After investigation, charge-sheet dated 28.03.2024 was filed in which Section 354 IPC was added against petitioners No. 3 and 8. The case is stated to be pending as Cr. Case No. 6137/2024 before the learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

7. During the pendency of the maintenance petition, MT-156/2023, filed by respondent No. 2 against petitioner No. 1 before the learned Principal Judge, Family Court, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi, the parties were referred to the Counselling Cell of the Family Court, where they amicably resolved all their disputes,vide Settlement dated 15.04.2026. Copy of the Settlement dated 15.04.2026 is annexed as Annexure F. As per the settlement, the parties agreed to dissolve their marriage by mutual consent under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and petitioner No. 1 agreed to pay a sum of Rs. 13,50,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) to respondent No. 2 as full and final settlement towards streedhan, dowry and maintenance, past, present and future, in three instalments of Rs. 4,50,000/- each, payable at the time of recording of

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statements in the first motion, the second motion and the present quashing proceedings respectively.

8. It is submitted that the first instalment of Rs. 4,50,000/- was paid to respondent No. 2 at the time of recording of statements in the first motion petition, HMA No. 701/2026, and the second instalment of Rs. 4,50,000/- at the time of recording of statements in the second motion petition, HMA No. 1159/2026, whereupon the marriage between petitioner No. 1 and respondent No. 2 was dissolved by a decree of divorce by mutual consent. The third and last instalment of Rs. 4,50,000/-, payable in terms of Clause 6 of the settlement, has been paid to respondent No. 2 by way of Demand Draft No. 019582 dated 09.09.2026. The entire settlement amount of Rs. 13,50,000/- thus stands paid.

9. Parties are physically present before the Court. They have been identified by their respective counsel as well as by the Investigating Officer Rajkumar, P.S. Paharganj.

10. Respondent No. 2 confirms that she has amicably settled all her disputes with the petitioners without any force, fear or coercion. She further confirms that she has received the entire settlement amount of Rs. 13,50,000/-, including the Demand Draft No. 019582 dated 09.09.2026 for Rs. 4,50,000/-, and has no objection if the FIR No. 763/2023 along with the charge-sheet and all consequential proceedings is quashed against the petitioners. Her affidavit to this effect is also on record.

11. Both parties undertake to adhere to the terms of the settlement in its true letter and spirit.

12. The allegations, including those under Section 354 IPC added in the charge-sheet against petitioners No. 3 and 8, arise out of the matrimonial

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dispute between the parties, which now stands resolved. The marriage has been dissolved and the parties have chosen to move on with their lives. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties, continuing with criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose, especially when the 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.

13. Accordingly, exercising the inherent powers vested in this Court under Section 528 of the BNSS, it is deemed appropriate to quash the instant FIR.

14. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice, FIR No. 763/2023 dated 14.09.2023 registered at P.S. Paharganj, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/506/34 IPC along with the charge-sheet dated 28.03.2024 under Sections 498A/406/506/354/34 IPC and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, is hereby quashed.

15. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

16. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

VIMAL KUMAR YADAV, J

OCTOBER 13, 2026/vs

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