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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010513312026**

\+ W.P.(CRL) 3352/2026 & CRL.M.A. 33486/2026 & 33487/2026

AMAN SAINI & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Paras Punyani, Advocate.
Petitioners present in person.

versus

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

Through: Mr. Rahul Tyagi, ASC (CRL) with Ms. Priya Rai, Mr. Aniket Kumar Singh, Ms. Jaya, Ms. Ritu Lavania, and Mr. Priyansh Raj Singh, Advocates for the State.
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**CORAM:**
**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA**

**O R D E R**

**% 27.10.2026**

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, 1950 ("Constitution"), read with Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ("BNSS"), corresponding to Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 ("CrPC"), seeking quashing of the First Information Report ("FIR") being *FIR No. 325/2024* dated 05th August, 2024, registered at Police Station ("PS") Binda Pur,



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Dwarka, Delhi, under Sections 498A/406/34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ("IPC"), on the ground of settlement.

2. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned Additional Standing Counsel ("ASC") appearing for the State, i.e., respondent no. 1, as well as by learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 2.

3. The petitioners are present before this Court, while respondent no. 2 is present through Video Conferencing ("VC"). The parties are duly identified by their respective counsels as well as the Investigating Officer ("IO"), who is also present before this Court.

4. The father of respondent no. 2 is present before this Court as well, and is duly identified by learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 2.

5. The captioned petition is taken up for disposal with the consent of the parties.

6. As per the material on record, the following facts are relevant for adjudication of the captioned petition:

6.1. The marriage between petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 was solemnized on 23rd February, 2023, however due to temperamental differences, they started living separately from 12th August, 2023. No child was born out of the wedlock.

6.2. *FIR No. 325/2024* came to be registered pursuant to a written complaint submitted by respondent no. 2 to the Crime Against Women ("CAW") Cell, Dabri, Delhi, against her husband, i.e., petitioner no. 1, and his family members, namely petitioner no. 2 is her mother-in-law; petitioner no. 3 is her father-in-law; petitioner no. 4 is her maternal uncle-in-law; petitioner no. 5 is her brother-in-law; and petitioner no. 6 is her sister-in-law.

6.3. Respondent no. 2 has alleged, *inter alia*, that after she began residing



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at her matrimonial home, the petitioners subjected her to physical and mental harassment in connection with unlawful demands for dowry.

7. This Court is informed that the parties have settled the matter now as petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 have executed a Marital Settlement Agreement dated 05th June, 2026.

8. In terms of the aforesaid Marital Settlement Agreement, a total sum of Rs. 8,75,000/- is payable by petitioner no. 1 to respondent no. 2, of which a sum of Rs. 6,75,000/- already stands paid. The balance sum of Rs. 2,00,000/- remains due and payable to respondent no. 2 at the time of quashing the present FIR.

9. A Demand Draft for the said balance sum has been handed over to the father of respondent no. 2, who has duly accepted the same on behalf of respondent no. 2.

10. This Court has interacted with respondent no. 2, who submits that she has entered into the Marital Settlement Agreement voluntarily, without any pressure or coercion, and that she does not wish to pursue the present matter any further.

11. This Court is also informed that the marriage between petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 already stands dissolved, as they have obtained a decree of divorce by mutual consent dated 25th August, 2026, passed by the Family Court, North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi, in *HMA 1537/2026*.

12. In light of the aforesaid, the petitioners seek quashing of the present FIR.

13. Learned ASC appearing for the State submits that the State has no serious objection to the present petition in view of the settlement between the parties.



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14. It is well settled that High Courts may exercise their inherent powers under Section 528 of the BNSS to quash criminal proceedings, even with respect to non-compoundable offences, if the concerned parties have arrived at a compromise or settlement, and particularly when no overarching public interest is adversely affected by quashing the same.

15. In ***Jitendra Raghuvanshi and Others Versus Babita Raghuvanshi and Another, (2013) 4 SCC 58***, the Supreme Court has held that the High Courts are empowered to quash an FIR in cases pertaining to matrimonial disputes in order to foster genuine settlements, even when the offences involved are non-compoundable in nature. The relevant portion of the said judgment reads as under:

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> ***14. The inherent powers of the High Court under Section 482 of the Code are wide and unfettered. In B.S. Joshi [(2003) 4 SCC 675 : 2003 SCC (Cri) 848] , this Court has upheld the powers of the High Court under Section 482 to quash criminal proceedings where dispute is of a private nature and a compromise is entered into between the parties who are willing to settle their differences amicably.*** *We are satisfied that the said decision is directly applicable to the case on hand and the High Court ought to have quashed the criminal proceedings by accepting the settlement arrived at.*
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> ***15. In our view, it is the duty of the courts to encourage genuine settlements of matrimonial disputes, particularly, when the same are on considerable increase. Even if the offences are non-compoundable, if they relate to matrimonial disputes and the Court is satisfied that the parties have settled the same amicably and without any pressure, we hold that for the purpose of securing ends of justice, Section 320 of the Code would not be a bar to the exercise of power of quashing of FIR, complaint or the subsequent criminal proceedings.***
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> *(Emphasis Supplied)*

16. Having heard learned counsels appearing for the parties, this Court



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notes that the petitioners and respondent no. 2 have compromised their private and matrimonial grievances, and the marriage between petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 already stands dissolved.

17. Accordingly, considering the facts and circumstances of the present case, *FIR No. 325/2024* dated 05th August, 2024, registered at PS Binda Pur, Dwarka, Delhi, under Sections 498A/406/34 of the IPC, and all the consequential proceedings arising therefrom, are hereby quashed.

18. The present petition, along with the pending application, is disposed of.

**MINI PUSHKARNA, J**

**OCTOBER 27, 2026**
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