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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010705562025**

\+ W.P.(CRL) 3071/2025

AJAY @ DHILA & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Neeraj Rana, Advocate along with Petitioners No.2, 3 and 4 present-in-person.

versus

THE STATE (NCT OF DELHI) & ANR. .....Respondents

Through: Ms. Rupali Bandhopadhya, ASC for State with Mr. Abhijeet Kumar, Advocate.
SI Saveen, P.S. IGI Airport.
Mr. Nitin Pratap, Advocate for R-2 *(through VC)*
R-2 in person.

**CORAM:**
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL**

**O R D E R**

**% 28.10.2026**

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 ('BNSS') seeking quashing of FIR No. 568/2023 dated 22nd September, 2023, registered at P.S. IGI Airport, Delhi, under Sections 364A/120B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC') and all proceedings arising therefrom, on the ground of settlement.

2. Issue notice.

3. Notice is accepted by the ASC appearing on behalf of the State and the counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent no. 2.



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4. The present FIR was registered pursuant to a complaint lodged by the respondent no. 2, on the basis of a misunderstanding between the parties.

5. Chargesheet in the matter has been filed.

6. The parties have settled their disputes in terms of the Memorandum of Understanding/Settlement Deed dated 3rd September, 2025, which has been placed on record as Annexure-C to the petition. In terms of the settlement, it is stated that a misunderstanding between the parties had resulted in the filing of the present FIR. It is further stated that a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- has been paid by the petitioners to the respondent no.2.

7. The respondent no. 2 is present in Court and has been identified by his counsel as well as by the Investigating Officer ('IO'). He informs the Court that he has settled the matter of his own free will and without any coercion. He confirms that he has received the payment of the aforesaid amount from the petitioners and has no objection to the quashing of the present FIR.

7.1. The affidavit of the respondent no.2 giving no objection to quashing the present FIR has been placed on record as Annexure-E to the present petition.

8. The petitioners no.2, 3 and 4 are also present in Court and have been identified by their counsel. They affirm the statement of the respondent no. 2. It is stated that petitioner no.1 is in judicial custody in some other case, however, the petitioner no.1 is represented by his Advocate.

9. Considering the above settlement between the parties, no useful purpose would be served by continuing with the proceedings of the present FIR and it would be an unnecessary burden on the State exchequer.

10. Hence, it would be in the interest of justice to quash the present FIR and the proceedings pursuant thereto.



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11. Even though the matter has been settled, the FIR was lodged in the year 2023 and the parties have settled the matter after 3 years. The petitioners, on account of their acts and omissions have wasted considerable time of the police and the courts in the present matter. In these circumstances, the petitioners would be liable to pay costs, which would be utilized for socially beneficial causes.

12. Consequently, FIR No. 568/2023 registered at P.S. IGI Airport, Delhi and the proceedings pursuant thereto are quashed, subject to payment of cumulative costs of Rs. 20,000/- by the petitioners to the Delhi State Legal Services Authority at Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, New Delhi, 110002, for the purposes of "providing counselling to victims in POCSO matters", within two (2) weeks from today.

13. The necessary compliance report shall be filed with the Registry within four (4) weeks from today.

14. The petition stands disposed of.

**AMIT BANSAL, J**

**OCTOBER 28, 2026**
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