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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010761572025**

\+ CRL.M.C. 7059/2025 & CRL.M.A. 29624/2025

SAGAR GOEL ALIAS GOYA & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Rajeev Ranjan, Ms. Shashi S. Hooda, Ms. Abha Singh and Ms. Shefali Singh, Advocates along with P-1 (in person)
P-2 to P-4 (Through VC)

versus

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

Through: Mr. Naresh Kumar Chahar, APP for State with ASI Sunita and SI Nisha, PS: Mohan Garden
R-2 (through vc)

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

O R D E R

% 27.10.2026

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 [‘BNSS’] seeking quashing of FIR No. 137 of 2024 under Sections 498A, 406 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 [‘IPC’] registered on 02.05.2024 at Police Station (PS) Mohan Garden, New Delhi [‘subject FIR’] and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, on the ground that the parties have amicably resolved their disputes.

2. Petitioner No. 1 is physically present in Court. Petitioner Nos. 2, 3 and 4 have joined the proceedings through a video conferencing link (‘VC’).

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Petitioners are represented by counsel, and they have been identified by the Investigating Officer ('I.O.').

3. Respondent No. 2 has joined the proceedings through VC, and she is identified by the I.O.

4. It is stated that Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 were married on 23.11.2017 according to Hindu rites and ceremonies; however, due to marital discord, they started living separately and thereafter obtained a decree of divorce by mutual consent on 05.08.2025. The subject FIR was filed by Respondent No. 2 on 02.05.2024 as a consequence of the discord.

5. It is stated that during the pendency of the criminal proceedings arising from the subject FIR, the parties amicably resolved all their disputes by way of a Settlement dated 18.07.2025 and agreed to put a quietus to the disputes. It is stated that the settlement does not provide for any monetary consideration.

6. Mr. Chahar, learned APP, submits that the charge-sheet has been filed, and the matter is listed at the stage of arguments for charge. He submits that the State has no objection to the quashing of the subject FIR in view of the nature of the dispute and the mutual settlement between the parties.

7. In the aforenoted facts, the parties seek quashing of the impugned FIR and all consequential proceedings emanating therefrom.

8. This Court has heard the parties and perused the record.

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9. This Court has interacted with Respondent No. 2. She confirms the submissions of learned counsel for the Petitioner. She confirms having executed the affidavit[1] dated 20.09.2025, which records her 'no objection' to the relief of quashing sought in this petition and confirms that there is no monetary consideration outstanding.

10. With respect to offences that are non-compoundable in nature, the Supreme Court has held in **Gian Singh v. State of Punjab**[2] that, in certain circumstances, the High Courts, in exercise of their powers under Section 482 of the CrPC [corresponding to Section 528 of the BNSS], can quash criminal proceedings, even with respect to non-compoundable offences, on the ground that there is a compromise between the accused and the complainant. The Supreme Court observed that where the dispute is predominantly private in nature and does not involve any overriding societal or public interest, quashing the proceedings would serve the ends of justice and prevent the abuse of the process of law. The quashing of criminal proceedings arising from matrimonial discord is especially illustrated in the said judgment. Similar principles were reiterated in **Narinder Singh & Ors. v. State of Punjab & Anr.**[3], wherein the Supreme Court held that, while exercising such jurisdiction, the High Court is required to be guided by the considerations of securing the ends of justice and preventing abuse of the process of any Court.

11. The subject FIR is a case of criminal proceedings arising out of a

[1] At running page 20 of the present petition
[2] (2012) 10 SCC 303
[3] (2014) 6 SCC 466 [Paragraph No. 29]

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matrimonial dispute between the parties, wherein the marriage has been dissolved by a decree of divorce. The disputes are thus private in nature, and there is no overriding public interest involved. The parties have agreed to part ways, and keeping the proceedings alive would only remind them of the bitterness of their past relationship. In view of the fact that the parties have amicably settled the dispute without any coercion or undue influence, this Court is of the view that continuation of the proceedings arising out of the present FIR would serve no useful purpose, besides imposing an unnecessary burden on the State exchequer. This Court is of the considered opinion that it is a fit case to exercise discretionary jurisdiction under Section 528 of the BNSS to meet the ends of justice.

12. Therefore, FIR No. 137/2024 under Sections 498A, 406 and 34 of IPC, registered on 02.05.2024 at PS Mohan Garden, New Delhi, chargesheet filed in the said FIR and proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

13. The Petitioners and the Investigating Officer (IO) are directed to bring this order on the record of the Trial Court on or before the next date of hearing for its information.

14. Parties shall remain bound and abide by the terms of settlement.

15. In view of the above, the petition is allowed. Pending application is disposed of.

16. The digitally signed copy of this order, duly uploaded on the official website of the Delhi High Court, www.delhihighcourt.nic.in, shall be treated as a certified copy of the order for the purpose of ensuring compliance. No

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MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

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