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

+ CRL.M.C. 9/2026, CRL.M.A. 16/2026

MANISH MAHENDRU

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul L. and Mr. Sahil Khatri,
Adv. with petitioner in person.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Satish Kumar, APP with Ms.
Upasna Bakshi, Adv. with SI
Divya, PS: Model Town
Mr. Shivpal Upadhyay, Adv. for R-
2, with R-2 in person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

ORDER

05.01.2026

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1. By virtue of the present petition under *Section 528* of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (***BNSS***) (*erstwhile Section 482* of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973), the petitioner seek quashing of FIR No.334/2023 dated 27.04.2023 registered under *Sections 498A/ 406* of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (***IPC***) at PS: Model Town, Delhi, as also all other proceeding(s) emanating therefrom, in view of the Settlement Deed dated 14.11.2025 arrived at *inter se* the petitioner and the respondent no.2 herein.

2. At the outset, the learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition is accompanied by the Settlement Deed dated 14.11.2025 as *Annexure-C*, and is also supported by affidavit(s) of the petitioner and respondent no.2, alongwith proofs of the respective I.D.s. Additionally,



both petitioner and respondent no.2, present in Court, have been identified by the Investigating Officer and the credentials of both, as on record, have also been duly verified by the Investigating Officer.

3. Issue Notice.

4. Learned APP for the State accepts notice. He confirms that he has no objection to the quashing of the aforesaid FIR.

5. Further, respondent no.2 confirms that the learned Principal Judge, Family Courts, Rohini Courts, Delhi has allowed the *first motion* in the petition under *Section 13B* of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 regarding the decree of divorce by mutual consent of the petitioner and respondent no.2 on 02.12.2025. Similarly, she affirms the Settlement Deed dated 14.11.2025, in compliance whereof the petitioner has already paid her a total sum of Rs.10,00,000/- (*Rupees Ten Lakhs Only*) and also handed over a further sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (*Rupees Five Lakhs Only*) to her in Court as a full and final settlement *qua* all her claims including alimony, maintenance (present, past and future), stridhan etc., *vide* Demand Draft No.635498 dated 23.12.2025 (Punjab National Bank). Lastly, respondent no.2 states that she has no objection to the quashing of the said FIR even if the *second motion* is yet to be granted.

6. In view of the fact that a settlement has already been arrived at between the parties, they shall remain bound by all the terms and conditions contained therein. As such, following the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Jitendra Raghuvanshi & Ors. vs. Babita Raguvanshi & Anr. (2013) 4 SCC 58***, ***Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab & Anr. (2012) 10 SCC 303*** and ***Narinder Singh & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Anr. (2014) 6 SCC 466***, this Court is of the opinion that continuation of



the aforesaid FIR will be an exercise in futility.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is allowed and FIR No.334/2023 dated 27.04.2023 registered under *Sections 498A/ 406* of the IPC at PS: Model Town, Delhi and all proceedings emanating therefrom are quashed.

8. As such, the petition alongwith the pending application is disposed of.

SAURABH BANERJEE, J

JANUARY 5, 2026/So