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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Date of decision: 16.09.2025

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CRL.M.C. 6580/2025

KARAN ARORA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur Kapur, Adv.
along with P-1 in person and P-
2, 3 through VC.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.

... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kiran Bairwa, APP for the
State with SI Pankaj Kasana, PS
Anand Vihar along with R-2
through VC.

CORAM:-**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA****JUDGMENT(ORAL)****RAVINDER DUDEJA, J.**

1. This is a petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, seeking quashing of FIR No. 351/2021, dated 15.12.2020, registered at P.S Anand Vihar, Delhi under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC and all proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of settlement between the parties.

2. The factual matrix giving rise to the instant case is that the marriage between Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent no. 2/complainant was solemnized on 26.04.2014 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies at



New Delhi. One child was born out of the said wedlock. However, on account of temperamental differences Petitioner No. 1 and Respondent No. 2 are living separately since 28.11.2018.

3. As per allegations made in the FIR, complainant, alleged that her petitioners subjected her to mental and physical harassment on account of dowry demands. FIR No. 0351/2021 was lodged by Respondent no. 2 at PS Anand Vihar. Chargesheet has since been filed under sections 498A/46/34 IPC against the petitioners.

4. During the course of proceedings, the parties amicably resolved their disputes and executed a Memorandum of Understanding/Settlement dated 12.03.2025. In view of the aforesaid settlement, petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2 have obtained divorce on 19.12.2022. It is submitted that petitioner no. 1 has paid the total settlement amount of Rs. 40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lacs only) to respondent no. 2 as per the schedule in settlement. It is further submitted that the custody of the child shall remain with respondent no. 2. Copy of the Memorandum of Understanding/Settlement dated 12.03.2025 has been annexed as Annexure P-4.

5. Petitioner no. 1 is physically present before the Court while Petitioner nos. 2 & 3 and Respondent no. 2 have entered their appearance through VC. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer SI Pankaj Kasana from PS Anand Vihar.



6. Respondent no. 2 confirms that the matter has been amicably settled with the petitioners without any force, fear, coercion and she has received the entire settlement amount and has no objection if the FIR No. 351/2021 is quashed against the petitioners.

7. In view of the settlement between the parties, learned Additional PP appearing for the State, also has no objection if the present FIR No. 351/2021 is quashed.

8. Hon'ble Supreme Court has recognized the need of amicable settlement of disputes in *Rangappa Javoor vs The State Of Karnataka And Another*, Diary No. 33313/2019, 2023 LiveLaw (SC) 74, *Jitendra Raghuvanshi & Ors. vs Babita Raghuvanshi & Anr.*, (2013) 4 SCC 58 & in *Gian Singh vs State of Punjab* (2012) 10 SCC 303.

9. Further, it is settled that the inherent powers under section 482 of the Code are required to be exercised to secure the ends of justice or to prevent abuse of the process of any court. Further, the High Court can quash non-compoundable offences after considering the nature of the offence and the amicable settlement between the concerned parties. Supreme Court and this Court have repeatedly held that the cases arising out of matrimonial differences should be put to a quietus if the parties have reached an amicable settlement. Reliance may be placed upon *B.S. Joshi v. State of Haryana*, (2003) 4 SCC.



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10. In view of the above facts that the parties have amicably resolved their differences out of their own free will and without any coercion. Hence, it would be in the interest of justice, to quash the abovementioned FIR and the proceedings pursuant thereto.

11. The petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 351/2021, dated 15.12.2020, registered at P.S Anand Vihar, Delhi under section 498A/406/34 IPC and all the other consequential proceeding emanating therefrom is hereby quashed.

12. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

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

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

September 16, 2025
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