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\* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Date of decision: 08.09.2025

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CRL.M.C. 10182/2024

ADITYA VIKRAM SINGH SETHI ....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Parmesh Bali, Mr. Gagan  
Garg, Advocates with petitioner  
in person.

versus

STATE GOVT. OF NCT  
OF DELHI AND ANR.

... Respondents

Through: Mr. Yudhvir Singh Chauhan,  
APP with SI Kapil Beniwal,  
PS-Punjabi Bagh.  
Mr. Akhil Hasija, Advocate for  
R-2.**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. 482/2018, dated 05.09.2018, registered at P.S Punjabi Bagh, Delhi under Sections 135 of Indian Electricity Act (Amend) 2003 and all proceedings emanating therefrom on the basis of settlement between the parties.

2. As per averments made in the FIR, on 10.05.2018 an inspection conducted by Respondent no. 2 at premises no. G-4, Jeevan Basera



Apartments, West Punjabi Bagh, Delhi, revealed that petitioner was indulged in direct theft of electricity by tapping into the company's supply system with illegal wires. No authorized meter or legal source of supply was found, and a connected load of 20.666 KW for domestic use was detected. A theft bill of ₹5,20,108 was raised. Chargesheet has since been filed under sections 135 of Indian Electricity Act (Amend) 2003 against the petitioner.

3. During the course of proceedings, the parties amicably resolved their disputes and the same was recorded before the Id. Trial Court vide order dated 20.11.2024. Pursuant to the aforesaid settlement, petitioner have cleared all their dues totaling to Rs. 80,00/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand only). It is submitted that in regards to the same, respondent no. 2 has also issued a No Dues Certificate dated 21.10.2024. Copy of the No Dues Certificate dated 21.10.2024 has been annexed as Annexure C.

4. Petitioner is physically present before the Court. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer SI Kapil Beniwal, from PS Punjabi Bagh.

5. Ld. Counsel for Respondent No. 2 confirms that the matter has been amicably settled with the petitioner without any force, fear, coercion and they have received the total amount of Rs. 80,00/- (Rupees Eighty Thousand only) from the petitioner and have no objection if the FIR No. 482/2018 is quashed against the Petitioner.



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6. In view of the settlement between the parties, learned Additional PP appearing for the State, also has no objection if the present FIR No. 482/2018 is quashed.

7. In *Gian Singh vs State of Punjab (2012) 10 SCC 303*, Hon'ble Supreme Court has recognized the need of amicable resolution of disputes by observing as under:-

"61. In other words, the High Court must consider whether it would be unfair or contrary to the interest of justice to continue with the criminal proceedings or continuation of criminal proceedings would tantamount to abuse of process of law despite settlement and compromise between the victim and the wrongdoer and whether to secure the ends of justice, it is appropriate that criminal case is put to an end and if the answer to the above question(s) is in the affirmative, the High Court shall be well within its jurisdiction to quash the criminal proceedings."

8. 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. Reliance may be placed upon *B.S. Joshi v. State of Haryana, (2003) 4 SCC 675*.



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9. 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.

10. The petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 482/2018, dated 05.09.2018, registered at P.S Punjabi Bagh, Delhi under section 135 of Indian Electricity Act (Amend) 2003 and all the other consequential proceeding emanating therefrom is hereby quashed.

11. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

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

**RAVINDER DUDEJA, J**

**September 08, 2025**

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