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

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Date of decision: 28.11.2025

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RAM BARAN AND ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Upendra Singh, Adv.
Petitioners no. 1 and 3 in
person.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ANRRespondents

Through: Mr. Nawal Kishore Jha, APP
with SI Rajesh Kumar Koli,
P.S.Nihal Vihar.

R-2 in person.

**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. 917/2016, dated 26.12.2016, registered at P.S Nihal 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 26.05.2004 as per Hindu Rites and ceremonies at 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 26.07.2012.

3. As per averments made in the FIR, Respondent No. 2 was subjected to physical and mental harassment on account of dowry demands by the petitioners. FIR No. 917/2016 was lodged at the instance of respondent no. 2 at PS Nihal Vihar under sections 498A/406/34 IPC against the petitioners.

4. During the course of proceedings, the parties amicably resolved their disputes before the Delhi Mediation Centre, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi and the terms of settlement were written in the form of Settlement dated 18.12.2023. It is submitted that petitioner no.1 and respondent no. 2 have obtained divorce on 10.01.2025 and the petitioner no. 1 has paid the entire settlement amount of Rs. 50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to respondent no. 2 as per the schedule in the settlement. It is further submitted that the child is in the custody of petitioner no.1 with visitation rights to respondent no. 2 as per the schedule in the settlement. Copy of the Settlement dated 18.12.2023 has been annexed as Annexure P-2.



5. Petitioner nos. 1 and 3 and respondent no.2 are physically - present before the Court .They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer SI Rajesh Kumar Koli, from PS Nihal 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 and has no objection if the FIR No. 917/2016 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. 917/2016 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 Live Law (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*.

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. In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 917/2016, dated 26.12.2016, registered at P.S Nihal Vihar, Delhi under Sections 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

November 28, 2025

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