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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
% ***Date of Decision: 03rd July, 2026***
+ W.P.(CRL) 1420/2026&CRL.M.A. 13665/2026
GAURAV & ORS.

.....Petitioner
Through: Mr. R K Singla and Mr. Rakesh
Kumar, Advocates along with
petitioner No.1, 4 and 5 in person.

versus

STATE NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

.....Respondent
Through: Mr. Anand V Khatri, ASC.
Mr. Vikram Panwar, Advocate.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN
J U D G M E N T (oral)

1. Petitioners herein seek quashing of FIR No. 0571/2024 dated 29.06.2024, registered at Police Station Nangloi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.
2. The marriage between complainant (respondent No.2 herein) and petitioner was solemnized on 27.04.2021, as per Hindu rites and customs. The couple was blessed with a baby girl, who is, presently, in the custody of her mother/ respondent No. 2 herein.
3. However, on account of temperamental differences, the parties started residing separately and when a complaint was lodged by respondent No.2, it



resulted into registration of the abovesaid FIR.

4. During the pendency of the criminal case in question, the parties were referred to *Delhi Mediation Centre, Rohini District Courts, Delhi* and fortunately, the parties have been able to come to an amicable settlement as would be evident from Mediation Order dated 22.12.2025.

5. Respondent no. 2 is present and her counsel has joined the proceedings through *video-conferencing*. IO is also present and duly identifies Respondent No. 2.

6. When asked, respondent No. 2 reiterates the terms of abovesaid settlement. She submits that there is already a divorce between them by way of mutual consent on 11.03.2026 and she has already received articles as mentioned in the Mediation Order. She submits that the custody of her daughter would remain with her, with no visitation rights. She states that she has entered into the abovesaid settlement out of her own free will, without any coercion and influence from any corner whatsoever and therefore, she would have '*no objection*' if FIR in question is quashed.

7. As per the terms of settlement, one immovable property situated at Nangloi has already been transferred in the name of the mother of respondent No.2 and the maintenance amount has been adjusted from the sale proceeds thereof and as per the terms of settlement, out of the sale proceeds, a sum of Rs. 12,00,000/- is to be returned to petitioner No.1. A sum of Rs. 8,00,000/- has already been paid to the petitioner No.1 by respondent No.2 at the time of recording of statement with respect to first motion and the balance amount of Rs. 4,00,000/- has been brought by respondent No.2 in the shape of Demand Draft drawn on Bank of Baroda. Such demand draft has been accepted by petitioner No.1. A copy thereof has been retained.



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8. In view of the settlement arrived at between the parties, continuing with criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose, especially, when dispute does not involve any public interest and is, primarily, private in nature. In any case, even the complainant does not wish to press any charges against the petitioners.

9. Accordingly, exercising inherent powers vested in this Court under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, it is deemed appropriate to quash the instant FIR.

10. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice, FIR No. 0571/2024 dated 29.06.2024, registered at Police Station Nangloi, for commission of offences under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is, hereby, quashed.

11. Original affidavits of the parties and original MoU, copies of which have been placed on record in the present proceedings, shall be submitted before the learned Trial within four weeks from today, so that these become part of Trial Court Record.

12. The petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

13. Pending application also stand disposed of.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

JULY 3, 2026/sw/sa