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

+ CRL.M.C. 6/2023

DEEPAK RAJ @ BITTU & ORS. Petitioners

Through: Mr. Amit Kumar, Mr. R.P.
Srivastava, Advocates alongwith
Petitioners in-person

versus

THE STATE & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr. Hitesh Vali, APP for the State
with S.I. Neeti, P.S. Jahangir Puri.
Mr. D.S. Kumar, Mr. Naresh Kumar,
Advocates for R-2 alongwith
Respondent no.2 in-person.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT SHARMA

ORDER

17.01.2023

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The present petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeks quashing of FIR No. 205/2014, under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC, registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the court of Ms. Preeti, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

The marriage between petitioner no.1/husband and respondent no.2/wife was solemnized on 17.05.2011 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies.

Due to temperamental differences between petitioner no. 1 and respondent no. 2, the parties started residing separately from 08.01.2013. Subsequently, respondent no.2/complainant lodged an FIR against petitioner no.1 (husband), petitioner no. 2 (mother-in-law) and petitioner no. 3 (father-in-law).

On 21.04.2017, parties arrived at a settlement before Delhi Mediation



Centre, Rohini District Courts, Delhi and as per the said settlement/agreement, petitioner no.1 has agreed to pay an amount of Rs. 7,15,000/- to the respondent no.2/wife towards full and final settlement of all her claims including *istridhan*, permanent alimony and maintenance - present, past and future. The copy of the aforesaid settlement/agreement dated 21.04.2017 is on record (Annexure C).

In terms of the said settlement, the marriage between the parties stands dissolved by a decree of divorce dated 25.07.2018, passed by Ms. Pinki, Judge, Family Court, Rohini (North), Delhi, (Annexure D). Further, as per the settlement/agreement, an amount of Rs. 6,00,000/- has already been paid to respondent no.2 and the remaining amount of Rs. 1,15,000/- has been paid to her in court today, by means of a demand draft.

Petitioners and complainant/respondent no. 2 are present before the Court and have been duly identified by their respective counsel, as well as the Investigating Officer, S.I. Neeti, P.S. Jahangir Puri.

A demand draft bearing no. 043250 dated 03.01.2023 for Rs. 1,15,000/- drawn on Punjab National Bank, Bye Pass Road, Faridabad (Haryana) – 121002 has been handed over complainant/Respondent No.2, who acknowledges the receipt of the same.

The complainant/respondent No.2 states that the matter has been settled with the petitioners and she has no objection if the FIR is quashed. She further states that all the terms of the agreement have been complied with.

In view of the settlement between the parties, learned APP for the State also has no objection if the present FIR is quashed.

In *Gian Singh v. State of Punjab*, (2012) 10 SCC 303, the 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 proceeding.”

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, and the fact that the parties have put a quietus to the dispute, no useful purpose will be served in continuing with the present FIR No. 205/2014, under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC, registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the court of Ms. Preeti, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and the FIR No. 205/2014, under Sections 498A/406/34 IPC, registered at P.S. Jahangir Puri, Delhi and all other consequential proceedings emanating therefrom, including the chargesheet pending before the court of Ms. Preeti, learned Metropolitan Magistrate, Rohini Courts, Delhi, is hereby quashed.

Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

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

AMIT SHARMA, J

JANUARY 17, 2023/ab