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

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Date of decision: 01.08.2025

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KARAN MOOLCHANDANI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhikalp Pratap Singh,
Advocate.

Petitioner through VC.

versus

THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR. ... Respondents

Through: Mr. Hitesh Vali, APP with SI
Kavita Devi and SI Hema, PS-
Naraina.

Respondent No. 2 through VC.

CORAM:-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVINDER DUDEJA

JUDGMENT(ORAL)

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J.

1. The present petition has been filed under section 528 BNSS seeking the quashing of the FIR no. 252/2022 registered on 19.05.2022 under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509 at PS Naraina and all the proceedings emanating therefrom.

2. The FIR was filed on the victim's complaint that during her employment, the accused employer persistently sexually harassed, stalked, and humiliated her through obscene remarks, unwelcome physical contact, and social media stalking, and later threatened her to



withdraw the complaint, attracting offences under Sections 354A, 354D, and 509 IPC. The Chargesheet has been filed under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509/506/354 IPC.

3. During the pendency of the proceedings, both the parties entered into a settlement/compromise dated 08.07.2025 and amicably settled their disputes. A copy of the settlement deed/MOU has been placed on record which is annexed as *Annexure P3*.

4. Parties have entered their appearance through VC. They have been identified by their respective counsels as well as by the Investigating Officer SI Kavita Devi, SI Hema, from PS Naraina.

5. Respondent No.2 confirms that the matter has been amicably settled with the petitioner without any force, fear, coercion and has no objection if the FIR no. 252/2022 registered on 19.05.2022 under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509 at PS Naraina is quashed against the Petitioners.

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. 252/2022 registered on 19.05.2022 under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509 at PS Naraina is quashed.

7. In ***Gian Singh vs State of Punjab (2012) 10 SCC 303***, 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. In view of the aforesaid circumstances and the fact that parties have put a quietus to the dispute, no useful purpose will be served in continuing with the present FIR no. 252/2022 registered on 19.05.2022 under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509 at PS Naraina and all the other consequential proceeding emanating therefrom.

9. In the interest of justice, the petition is allowed, and FIR no. 252/2022 registered on 19.05.2022 under sections 354(A)/354(D)/509 at PS Naraina and all the other consequential proceeding emanating therefrom is hereby quashed subject to condition that petitioner shall perform community service at Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital, Delhi ["LNJP Hospital"] on every Sunday for the next six months. The petitioner shall appear before the Medical Superintendent of the LNJP Hospital on coming Sunday, who shall assign him community service work.

10. Petition is allowed and disposed of accordingly.

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

12. A copy of this order be sent to Medical Superintendent, LNJP Hospital for information, compliance and report.

RAVINDER DUDEJA, J

AUGUST 01, 2025/na