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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
Date of Decision: 1st September, 2026

CNR No. DLHC010035392024

+ **CRL.M.C. 842/2024**

MR OM PRAKASH BATRA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sidhant Antil and Mr. Sourav Kumar, Advocates.

versus

THE STATE GOVT. OF NCT DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Aashneet Singh, APP for the State.

Ms. Suruchi Thapar, Advocate for R-2 with LR's of R-2 (through V.C.)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

J U D G M E N T (oral)

1. Petitioner herein seeks quashing of FIR No.731/2015 dated 17.10.2015, registered at Police Station Paschim Vihar (West), for commission of offences under Sections 406/420/467/471 IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.
2. The abovesaid FIR was registered on the basis of direction given by the learned Trial Court on the basis of an application filed under Section 156(3) Cr.P.C. The complaint was filed by Mr. Ravinder Thapar, who is unfortunately no longer alive.
3. As per the averments made by him, he had advanced a friendly loan of Rs.3 lacs to the accused who claimed that he was facing a financial crunch



and was in dire need of money. According to him, in lieu of the abovesaid liability, petitioner No.1 issued one cheque which was, eventually, found to be a forged one. It was on the abovesaid factual backdrop that a complaint was filed in which the learned Trial Court had given direction to register FIR.

4. The charge-sheet has already been filed, *albeit*, charges are yet to be ascertained.

5. The matter has, however, been settled in the interregnum between complainant-Mr. Ravinder Thapar and accused- Mr Om Prakash Batra as would be evident from settlement deed dated 09.01.2024 which is signed by both of them.

6. As per the settlement terms, amount of Rs.3.5 lacs has been duly paid to the complainant and, therefore, the complainant expressed his *no objection* to the quashing of the FIR.

7. Fact, however, remains that after the abovesaid settlement, Mr. Ravinder Thapar, unfortunately, died on 18.02.2024. His death has been duly verified by the prosecution. The amended memo of parties has also been placed on record and now the matter is being pursued by his wife and two children.

8. Such LRs have joined the proceedings through *video-conferencing* and submit that amount of Rs.3.5 lacs has already been received and that they would have *no objection* if the FIR in question is quashed.

9. All the legal representatives of the deceased have been duly identified by their counsel. They state that they, too, have entered into settlement out of their own free will, without any coercion and influence from any corner.

10. 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 LRs of deceased complainant do not wish to press any charges against the petitioners.

11. 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.

12. Consequently, to secure the ends of justice, FIR No.731/2015 dated 17.10.2015, registered at Police Station Paschim Vihar (West), for commission of offences under Sections 406/420/467/471 IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is, hereby, quashed. Original affidavits and MoU of the parties, copies of which have been placed on record in the present proceedings, shall be submitted before the learned Trial Court within four weeks from today.

13. The petition stands disposed of in aforesaid terms.

(MANOJ JAIN)
JUDGE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026/ss/sk