IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
[ARISING OUT OF SLP (CRL.) NO.19102 OF 2026]

ABHISHEK DUTT **Appellant(s)**

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH & ORS. **Respondent(s)**

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. This appeal takes exception to the order dated 21.08.2026 passed by the learned Single Judge, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, Bench at Gwalior in Miscellaneous Criminal Case No.32428/2026 whereby the petition preferred by the appellant and the proforma respondent no.3 seeking quashing of the FIR bearing Crime No.73/2022 at P.S. Padav, District Gwalior for the offences punishable under Sections 420 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC' for short) has been dismissed.

3. The FIR aforestated came to be lodged at the instance of respondent no.2, Dr. Amarjit Singh Bhalla.

4. Before the High Court, the appellant and the respondent no.3-complainant had prayed for quashing of the aforesaid FIR based on a compromise. During the pendency of the petition, IA Nos.13532/2026 and 13534/2026 were preferred by the parties duly supported by their affidavits

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praying that the matter should be disposed of in terms of the compromise. The factum of compromise was duly verified by the Registrar of the High Court.

5. The High Court recorded in the impugned order that the parties had voluntarily, without any threat, inducement and coercion, arrived at a compromise.

6. In spite thereof, the quashing petition stands rejected by the High Court on the premise that the offences alleged were compoundable and hence, the parties would be better advised to approach the trial Court by way of a compounding application.

7. Being aggrieved, the appellant is before us by way of the instant appeal. The respondent no.2-complainant is duly represented before this Court by Mr. Yashraj Singh Bundela, learned counsel.

8. Before the High Court and in this Court as well, the complainant has made a categorical statement that the disputes have been settled between the parties and the FIR should be quashed. The dispute between the parties is a purely private one arising from monetary transactions.

9. In this background, we are of the view that there was no reason whatsoever for the High Court to have relegated the parties to the trial Court for moving an application for compounding of the offences. Rejection of the quashing petition under Section 528 of the BNSS and directing the parties to move the trial Court in spite of the settlement duly verified by the Registrar of High Court was not

justified in view of the judgment of this Court in case of *Gian Singh vs. State of Punjab and Anr., [2012] 10 SCC 303* Once, the High Court itself recorded the fact that the parties had voluntarily arrived at a compromise, it was a fit case for exercise of extraordinary powers of the Court to quash the proceedings.

10. Accordingly, the appeal deserves and is hereby allowed.

11. The FIR bearing Crime No.73/2022 at P.S. Padav, District Gwalior and all the proceedings sought to be taken thereunder are hereby quashed.

12. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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[SANDEEP MEHTA]

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[DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA]

NEW DELHI;
OCTOBER 13TH, 2026

ITEM NO.23 COURT NO.17 SECTION II-E

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No.19102/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 21-08-2026 in MCRC No. 32428/2026 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Gwalior]

ABHISHEK DUTT Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH & ORS. Respondent(s)

IA No. 306703/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 306705/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 306700/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 13-10-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MEHTA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA

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Mr. Rahul Khurana, AOR
Mr. Deepak Agarwal, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeal stands allowed in terms of the signed order.

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

(KRITIKA TIWARI)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AKSHAY KUMAR BHORIA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

{signed order is placed on file}