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

CNR No. DLHC010895582025

+ **W.P.(CRL) 3744/2025**

SUKHNEET SINGH BHATIA

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Ramesh Kumar, Adv.**

versus

STATION HOUSE OFFICER KESHAVPURAM DELHI & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: **Ms. Rupali Bandhopadhy, ASC with
Mr. Abhijeet Kumar and Ms. Amisha
Gupta, Advs. for State.
Mr. Umesh Singh, Mr. Ankit
Bhadoria and Ms. Karishma, Advs.
for R-2 to 5.**

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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17.08.2026

1. The present petition has been filed seeking quashing of FIR No. 567/2023 dated 08.07.2023, registered at Police Station Keshav Puram, Delhi, for offences punishable under Sections 287 and 304A of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC), on the ground that the parties have arrived at a settlement.

2. The facts of the case would indicate that, consequent upon the death of Mr. Mehfooz Alam, the subject FIR came to be registered against the petitioner. Apart from the criminal proceedings, a claim for compensation under the provisions of the Employees' Compensation Act, 1923 (formerly



known as the Workmen's Compensation Act) was also preferred before the concerned Employees' Compensation Tribunal. The said Tribunal allowed compensation in the sum of Rs.14,59,800/-, along with applicable interest.

3. It is pointed out that the aforesaid amount of compensation, as awarded by the concerned Employees' Compensation Tribunal, has not yet been paid to the legal heirs/dependants of the deceased.

4. The petitioner, however, contends that the disputes between the parties have since been amicably resolved before the learned Mediator at Rohini Courts, Delhi, pursuant to which a total sum of Rs.6,10,000/- has been agreed upon and paid towards full and final settlement.

5. Having regard to the fact that the deceased is survived by his wife, two daughters, one son, as well as his parents, and considering that the amount of Rs.6,10,000/- offered under the settlement is substantially lower than the compensation awarded by the concerned Employees' Compensation Tribunal, this Court is of the view that the said settlement, by itself, cannot furnish a sufficient ground for quashing the FIR and the consequential criminal proceedings.

6. Accordingly, the prayer for quashing of FIR No. 567/2023 dated 08.07.2023, registered at Police Station Keshav Puram, Delhi, under Sections 287 and 304A IPC, along with all consequential proceedings arising therefrom, is rejected.

7. The State is directed to take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the award passed by the concerned Employees' Compensation Tribunal is executed and the compensation awarded thereunder is realised with due expedition.

8. Let a compliance report in this regard be placed before this Court on



24.09.2026.

9. In the meantime, the concerned trial Court before whom the chargesheet has been filed shall be at liberty to proceed further against the petitioner, in accordance with law.

10. The personal appearance of the family members/legal heirs of the deceased before this Court shall remain exempted.

PURUSHAINdra KUMAR KAURAV, J

AUGUST 17, 2026

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