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|    |      |  | <p>C528 No.963 of 2026<br/> <u><b>Hon'ble Alok Mahra, J.</b></u></p> <p>Mr. Pranav Singh and Mr. Manvendra Singh, Advocates for the applicants.</p> <p>Mr. Rakesh Kumar Joshi, A.G.A. for the State of Uttarakhand.</p> <p>2. Respondent no.2 lodged the F.I.R. against the applicants alleging therein that she was married to applicant no.1 on 28.03.2022. Subsequently, matrimonial disputes arose between the spouses, owing to which she left the matrimonial home in May, 2024. It is alleged that the applicants thereafter called respondent no.2 and her family members for an amicable settlement, pursuant whereto a meeting was convened at a restaurant on 20.08.2024. However, instead of any settlement being arrived at, the applicants allegedly misbehaved with and assaulted respondent no.2 and her family members, causing injuries to them. Upon completion of investigation, charge-sheet came to be submitted against the applicants.</p> <p>3. Learned counsel for the applicants submits that the allegations levelled in the F.I.R. are wholly false, concocted and have been made with an oblique motive to harass and victimize the applicants. It is contended that no such incident, as alleged in the F.I.R., ever took place on 20.08.2024. At best, some heated exchange of words occurred</p> |

between the parties during the meeting convened for resolving the matrimonial discord. Learned counsel further submits that since it had become impossible for applicant no.1 and the wife of applicant no.1 to reside together, it was mutually agreed between the parties that the Stridhan and personal belongings of the wife be returned to her. It is further submitted that pursuant thereto, on 28.08.2024, the sister of respondent no.2 along with her parents visited the house of the applicants and peacefully took away all her belongings and articles. The entire proceedings were duly videographed and an inventory of the articles handed over was also prepared, wherein the sister of respondent no.2 acknowledged and certified that she had received all her belongings peacefully and without any protest or grievance. Learned counsel submits that despite the alleged incident having taken place on 20.08.2024, the F.I.R. was lodged after an inordinate and unexplained delay on 05.12.2024, which itself renders the prosecution story doubtful. It is thus contended that the present dispute is purely matrimonial in nature, which has been given a criminal colour only with a view to exert pressure upon and harass the applicants.

4. Issue notice to respondent no.2, returnable at an early date.

5. List after service report is received.

6. Considering the submissions advanced by learned counsel for the applicants, it is directed that, till the next date of listing, further proceedings of

Criminal Case No.755 of 2025, pending before the Court of learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Vikas Nagar, District Dehradun, shall remain stayed.

7. Stay application (I.A. No.1 of 2026) stands disposed of.

**(Alok Mahra, J.)**

12.05.2026

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