

IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE
AND J.M.F.C., TARIKERE

PRESENT : SRI MUZAFFAR A. MANJARI, *B.A, LL.B.*
Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C.,
Tarikere.

(Name of the Presiding Judge)

DATED : THE 2nd DAY OF JULY 2026

PCR No.3/2026

ORDER

This private complaint is filed by the Senior Labour Inspector, Tarikere Circle, Tarikere on behalf of the State against the accused U/Sec.223 of BNSS for the offence punishable U/Sec.14 read with Section 3(1) of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

It is alleged in the complaint that the accused is running a commercial establishment under name and style Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Bakery on BH Road, Kodicamp, Tarikere and that the accused falls under the definition of "Occupier" as defined in Section 2(vi) of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and as such, the accused is prohibited U/Sec.3 of the said Act from employing child labour in his establishment. It is further alleged that on 26.06.2024 at 11.30 a.m., when the Senior Labour Inspector, Mudigere, Labour Inspector, Kadur Circle and District Child Labour Planning Society, Chikkamagaluru conjointly conducted raid in the commercial establishment of the accused, they found that a child namely Prem Kumar S/o Devaraju H. was working in the establishment and accordingly, statement of the child labour was recorded as per Annexure-I and inspection statement was issued to the accused. It is also alleged that subsequently, the child labour was rescued from the establishment. Thus,

the accused has violated the provision of Section 3 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 and has committed an offence punishable U/Sec.14 of the said Act.

After filing of the complaint, since the complainant is a public servant and has filed the complaint in discharge of his official duties, sworn statement of the complainant was dispensed with by the court.

In support of the complaint, the complainant has produced Annexure-I i.e. statement of Prem Kumar S/o Devaraju H. wherein, he has informed that he has been working in the bakery of the accused namely Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Bakery. The complainant has also produced a mahazar prepared by him at the time of conducting the raid. Further, the complainant has produced a copy of Adhaar Card wherein, the date of birth of the above said child is mentioned as 26.06.2007. All these documents prima-facie establish that the accused has committed an offence punishable U/Sec.14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.

The material placed on record at this stage is sufficient to proceed against the accused for the offence punishable U/Sec.14(1) of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. It is clear from the material placed on record by the complainant that the accused has violated the provision of U/Sec.3 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986. Therefore, I am satisfied that there is sufficient material on record at this stage to proceed against the accused. Accordingly, I proceed to pass the following :

ORDER

The Office is hereby directed to register a criminal case against the accused in Register No.III, Criminal for the offence punishable U/Sec.14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and

Regulation) Act, 1986 and thereafter,
issue process against the accused for
his appearance if the complainant
complies with all the requirements.

Sd/-
SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE & JMFC.,
TARIKERE