



**IN THE COURT OF THE I ADDL. DISTRICT &
SESSIONS JUDGE, RAMANAGARA**

PRESENT:

**Smt. M. Panchakshari, M.Com.,LL.B,
I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge, Ramanagara.**

Dated this the 17th day of July, 2026

Spl.C.No.112/2022

**Complainant: The State of Karnataka,
By Kudur P.S.**

(By Public Prosecutor)

Vs.

Accused

- No.1 to 3 : 1. Rangaswamy,
S/o.Kalaiah,
Aged 29 years,
Occup: Farmer,
R/at: Muttasagara Gollarahatti,
Kuduru Hobli,
Magadi Taluk,
Ramanagara, Karnataka.**
- 2. Kalaiah,
S/o.Kariyappa,
Aged 55 years,
Occup: Farmer,
R/at:Gollarahatti,
Muttusagara Dakale,
Kuduru Hobli,
Magadi Taluk,
Ramanagara, Karnataka.**
- 3. Shivamma,**



W/o.Kalaiah,
Aged 50 years,
Housewife,
R/at:Gollarahatti,
Muttusagara Dakale,
Kuduru Hobli,
Magadi Taluk,
Ramanagara, Karnataka.

(By Sri. K.L.S., Advocate.)



1	Date of commission of offence	From 05.03.2016 to 20.03.2020
2	Date of report of offence	08.06.2022
3	Date of arrest of the accused persons	Accused No.1 on 09.06.2022
4	Date of commencement of evidence	21.09.2023
5	Date of closing of evidence	05.06.2026
6	Name of the Complainant	Smt.Nanjamma, W/o.Rangaswami.
7	Offences complained of	U/Secs.498(A), 506 of IPC, 1860 & U/Secs.3(1)(r)(s) & 3(2)(5a) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act-2015
8	Date of Pronouncement of Judgment	17.07.2026
9	Opinion of the Judge	Accused found not guilty.
10	Order of Sentence	As per final order
11	Complainant represented by	P.P., Ramanagara
12	Accused defense by	Sri. K.L.S., Advocate.

J U D G M E N T

The Deputy Superintendent of Police of Magadi Sub-Division, Tavarekere, Kudur Police Station had filed the charge-sheet against the accused persons for the offences punishable U/Secs.498(A), 506 of IPC, 1860 &



U/Secs.3(1)(r)(s) & 3(2)(5a) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act-2015.

2. The brief facts of the prosecution case is that, on 05.03.2016 accused No.1 being in love with CW1 got her married in the temple in the presence of CW4, thereafter CW5 came to know that it is the inter caste love marriage between CW1 and the accused No.1 and took CW1 and accused No.1 to their native and CW5 in the presence of CW6 gave 50 grams of gold ornaments with cash amount of Rs.1,00,000/- as dowry to accused No.1 so as to lead happy married life. Thereafter accused No.1 and CW1 led marital life together and CW1 got conceived during their marital relationship and gave birth to a girl child. On 17.03.2020 accused No.1 took CW1 along with her newly born child to his native Gollarahatti Village, Kudur Hobli, at that time accused No.2 and 3 who being the parents of accused No.1 did not allow CW1 and the child to enter their house by demanding more dowry and quarreled with CW1. At that time accused No.1 left his wife and the child and went



away. On the same day in the evening CW5, CW6 and CW7 held a Panchayath and based on the conciliation left CW1 and the child in the same place. On 20.03.2020 the accused No.2 and 3 abused CW1 in filthy language that she belong to Holeyá Caste so, they will not allow her to get into the house and threatened her to leave the place or else they will take away her life by pouring kerosene and letting fire. So, out of fear CW1 left the place along with the child. Thereafter on 24.03.2020 CW5 to CW8 again held Panchayath and in spite of it accused No.1 to 3 did not allow CW1 and the child to get into the house by treating her with cruelty. On above allegation the prosecution had filed the charge-sheet against the accused persons.

3. The cognizance was taken and the presence of the accused persons was secured and they were enlarged on bail. The copies of the police papers were furnished to the accused persons as contemplated under Section 207 of Cr.P.C. Charge was framed against the accused persons and the same was read over and



explained to them, whereby they pleaded not guilty and claimed to be tried.

4. To bring home the guilt of the accused persons, the prosecution had opted to examine in all 6 witnesses as PW-1 to PW-6 and got marked 10 documents as Exs.P1 to P10. So also the statement of the accused No.1 to 3 under Section 313 of Cr.P.C., was recorded with regard to incriminating evidence found against them which is denied by the accused. No defense evidence is adduced.

5. On the above said contentions the following points arise for my consideration:

(i) Whether the prosecution proves that, accused No.1 being the husband of CW1 having married on 05.03.2016 and accused No.2 & 3 being in laws treated CW1 with cruelty with demand for dowry and in furtherance of their common intention at Gollarahatti Village of Kudur Hobli and thereby committed an offence punishable under **Section 498(A) R/w.Sec.34 of IPC?**



(ii) Whether the prosecution further proves that, on 20.03.2020 the accused No.1 being the husband of CW1 and accused No.2 and 3 being the in-laws of CW1 had given life threat at Gollarahatti Village, Kudur Hobli in furtherance of their common intention and thereby committed an offence punishable under **Section 506 R/w.Sec.34 of IPC?**

(iii) Whether the prosecution further proves that on the above said date and place, the accused No.1 to 3, in furtherance of their common intention having treated CW1 with physical as well as mental cruelty as she belong to Scheduled Caste Oleya Community and insulted her by taking the name of her caste committed an offence punishable under **Sections 3(1)(r)(s) and Section 3(2)(5)(a) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act-2015?**

(iv) What order?

6. Having heard the Public Prosecutor and Sri.K.L.S., Advocate counsel appointed to represent the accused persons, I answer the above points as follows;



- Point No.1 : In the **Negative**.
Point No.2 : In the **Negative**.
Point No.3 : In the **Negative**.
Point No.4 : As per the final order
for the following;

REASONS

7. **Point No.1 to 3:-** Since all these points are interconnected, to avoid repetition of the facts they are taken up together for discussion.

The case of the prosecution is that, on 05.03.2016 accused No.1 being in love with CW1 got her married in the temple in the presence of CW4, thereafter CW5 came to know that it is the inter caste love marriage between CW1 and the accused No.1. Then took CW1 and accused No.1 to their native and CW5 in the presence of CW6 gave 50 grams of gold ornaments with cash amount of Rs.1,00,000/- as dowry to accused No.1 so as to lead happy married life. Thereafter accused No.1 and CW1 led marital life together and CW1 got conceived during their marital relationship and gave



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8. The prosecution in order to prove its case had opted to examine in all 6 witnesses, whereby PW1 is the complainant, PW2 and PW3 are the spot mahazar witnesses, CW4 being the eyewitness is reported dead, PW4 is the witness who had conciliated in the panchayat, PW5 is the official witness who had issued the certificate under Section 65(B) of Indian Evidence Act with regard to the photographs taken at the time of drawing the mahazar and PW6 is the head constable who had received the complaint and registered the case. As the complainant PW1 had not supported the prosecution case as well as the Mahazar witnesses and the Panchayatdhar rest of the witnesses are dropped as no purpose will be served by examining them as the complainant had deposed in her evidence that it is on basis of the tribal issue she had lodged the complaint and later they have compromised among themselves.

9. The complainant having examined as PW1, she had deposed in her evidence that, the accused



belong to Golla Community, whereby accused No.1 is her husband, accused No.2 and 3 are her in-laws, when accused No.1 married her he knew that she belong to Adi Karnataka Schedule caste, but after the marriage her in laws came to know about her caste. Her marriage with the accused No.1 was solemnized at Ganapathi Temple at Sukkadakattu. From there wedlock a girl child having born, she is now aged 9 years 8 months. Within 1 year of the marriage her daughter was born. Earlier she was residing with accused No.1 at Sukkadakattu. When she became pregnant she went to her mother's house. When she was staying in her parents house some misunderstanding took place between her and accused No.1. Even after delivery accused No.1 had not taken her to her in laws house in spite of several requests, so in that situation she had lodged the complaint as per Ex.P8, but though she had lodged the complaint as she is uneducated she do not know what is written in the complaint. As she had identified her signature in the complaint, it is marked as Ex.P8(a). After lodging the



complaint the police had visited the spot and drawn the mahazar as per Ex.P1 and her signature is marked as Ex.P1(b). After lodging the complaint they have got the dispute settled as there was no any problem from her husband. As PW1 had turned hostile suggestions had been put forward by the Learned Public Prosecutor with regard to the averments in the complaint, whereby she had denied the suggestions with regard to demand for dowry as well as physical and mental harassment by the accused persons with the demand for dowry. As PW1 had denied with regard to further statement it is marked as Ex.P10. Now if the cross examination adduced on behalf of accused is taken into consideration, whereby suggestions had been put forward to deny the marriage between the complainant and the accused No.1. It is the evidence of PW1 that the marriage documents are with accused No.1 himself and he had taken it away when she was residing in her parents house apart from this fact nothing is brought out in the cross-examination. As PW1 herself had deposed in her chief examination that



after lodging the complaint she as well as her husband got settled their misunderstanding and there was no any problem created by him.

10. On the other hand, if the evidence of the mahazar witnesses who are examined as PW2 and PW3 is taken into consideration, whereby though both the witnesses had identified their signature on the mahazar, whereby the signature of PW2 is marked as Ex.P1(a) and that of PW3 is marked as Ex.P1(b). It is their evidence that, the police had not drawn any mahazar in their presence but merely obtained their signature on the mahazar. Both the witnesses having not supported the prosecution case Learned Public Prosecutor having suggested the facts as per the mahazar in the cross-examination it had been totally denied by both the witnesses.

11. As per the prosecution case PW4 is the panchayathar who had conducted the panchayat in connection to the matrimonial dispute between PW1 and



the accused No.1, whereby he had denied the identity of PW1 as well as accused persons and it is his evidence he do not know who they are and also he is not knowing about any fact in connection to the present case. As PW4 had not supported the prosecution case, the suggestions put forward by the Learned Public Prosecutor also having denied in the cross-examination, his statement is marked as Ex.P5.

12. The head constable who had conducted the mahazar as per the direction of DYSP is examined as PW5 and it is his evidence that on 11.06.2022 as instructed by DYSP who being the Investigating Officer in this case he had visited the spot. Muttu Sagara Gollarahatti Village and conducted the mahazar in the presence of the panchas as per Ex.P1 and took photographs of the spot for drawing the mahazar and the photograph is marked as Ex.P2. He had also issued a certificate under Section 65(B) of Indian Evidence Act with regard to taking the photographs at the time of drawing the mahazar and the said certificate is marked



as Ex.P6. If the cross-examination adduced on behalf of the accused is taken into consideration, whereby suggestions had been put forward to deny the fact of visiting the spot and drawing the mahazar in the presence of the panchas and also taking the photographs for having visited the spot and drawn the mahazar, this suggestions are denied by PW5.

13. PW6 is also head constable of Kudur Police Station, who had received the complaint on 08.06.2022 as per Ex.P8 and based on the said complaint crime is registered in Crime No.265/2022 and based on that he had registered the FIR as per Ex.P9. Even in his cross-examination suggestions had been put forward to deny the fact of receiving the complaint.

14. If the evidence of the prosecution witnesses are taken into consideration, whereby the complainant who had been examined as PW1 though deposed with regard to lodging the complaint, it is her evidence that as initially there was some complication between the



husband and wife as it is a love marriage as her husband was not taking care of her, she had lodged the complaint. Thereafter they got the dispute settled among themselves and there is no any ill-treatment or harassment either by her husband or by her in-laws i.e., accused No.2 and 3. On the other hand, the mahzar witnesses had also not supported the prosecution case and there is nothing to make out the mahzar having drawn at the spot. On the other hand, the Panchayatdar who had been examined as PW4 who had conciliated the matrimonial issue between the complainant and the accused had also turned hostile and not supported the prosecution case. Evidence of PW6 is with regard to receiving the complaint and registering the case based on the complaint, but in spite of lodging the complaint there is no supporting evidence of the complainant and she had deposed contrary to that of her averments in the complaint. Hence, there is no materials available against the accused persons to prove the charges levelled against them. Hence, as the complainant herself had not



supported the prosecution case in view of lack of evidence against the accused persons the prosecution had failed to prove the guilt of the accused. In the circumstance, I hold the above point in a **Negative**.

15. **Point No.5**: In view of the discussions made supra, this court proceeds to pass the following;

ORDER

Acting under section 235(1) of Cr.P.C, the accused No.1 to 3 is acquitted for the offences punishable under Sections 498(A), 506 of IPC, 1860 & U/Secs.3(1)(r)(s) & 3(2)(5a) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act-2015.

The accused is set at liberty.

The bail bonds and the surety bond shall be in force till six months from the date of this order as per compliance U/Sec.437(A) of Cr.P.C.

(Dictated through Adalath AI, thereafter transcribed by Steno Grade-III and after corrections, printout taken and signed by me and then pronounced in the open Court, on this the **17th day of July, 2026**)

(M. Panchakshari)
I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge,
Spl. Judge, Ramanagara.



ANNEXURE

LIST OF WITNESSES ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTION:-

- P.W.1 : Smt.Nanjamani, W/o.Rangaswami.
P.W.2 : Sri.Padmanabha, S/o.Hanumaiah.
P.W.3 : Sri. Pavan, S/o. Siddalingaiah.
P.W.4 : Sri. K.M.Govindaraju, S/o.Mariyappa.
P.W.5 : Sri. Nagaraju K., S/o.G.Kempaiah.

P.W.6 : Sri. Rudraprasad, S/o.Shivamalaiah.

LIST OF WITNESSES EXAMINED ON BEHALF OF THE DEFENCE SIDE

-NIL-

LIST OF EXHIBITS GOT MARKED ON BEHALF OF THE PROSECUTION:-

- Ex.P.1 : Spot Mahazar.
Ex.P.1(a) : Signature of PW-2.
Ex.P.1(b) : Signature of PW-3.
Ex.P.1(c) : Signature of PW-1.
Ex.P.2 : Photograph.
Ex.P.3 & 4 : Caste Certificates.
Ex.P.5 : Statement of PW4.
Ex.P.6 : Certificate U/Sec.65B of Indian Evidence Act.

Ex.P.6(a) : Signature of PW-5.
Ex.P.7 : C.D.
Ex.P.8 : Complaint of PW-1.
Ex.P.8(a) : Signature of PW-6.
Ex.P.8(b) : Signature of PW-1.
Ex.P.9 : FIR.
Ex.P.9(a) : Signature of PW-6.
Ex.P.10 : Statement of PW-1.



**LIST OF DOCUMENTS GOT EXHIBITED ON BEHALF OF
THE DEFENCE SIDE:-**

-NIL-

**LIST OF MATERIAL OBJECTS GOT MARKED ON BEHALF
OF THE PROSECUTION:**

-NIL-

**(M. Panchakshari)
I Addl. Dist. & Sessions Judge,
Spl. Judge, Ramanagara.**