

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

MONDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE TIRUMALA DEVI EADA

CRLP.No.7924 OF 2023

Between:

1. ZUBEDA BAIG @ MIRJA JUBEDHA BEGUM, W/o. Mirza Rahman Baig, Aged about 59 years, Occ- Housewife, R/o.H.No.1-109, Ramachandrapuram village, Mulugu Mandal and District.
2. MIRZA RAHMAN BAIG, S/o. Sarvar Baig, Aged about 69 years, Occ- Business, R/o.H.No.1-109, Ramachandrapuram village, Mulugu Mandal and District.
3. MD.HAFEEZA BEGUM, W/o. MD.Ameeruddin, Aged about 38 years, Occ- Housewife, R/o.H.No.6-1-108/15/89, NGOs Colony, Noor Mazid, Mahabubabad.
4. MOHAMMED HASEENA BEGUM, W/o.Yakub Pasha, Aged about 36 years, Occ- Housewife, R/o.H.No.2-78, VTC Nekkonda, Nekkonda, Mahabubabad.
5. MIRZA FARZANA BEGUM, D/o. Rahman Baig, Aged about 31 years, Occ House wife, R/o.H.No.1-47, Ramachandrapuram village, Mulugu Mandal and District.
6. SHAIK ZAKIYA, D/o. Sirajoddin, Aged about 55 years, Occ - House wife, R/o.H.No.1-79, Ramachandrapuram village, Mulugu Mandal and District.

...Petitioner/Accused Nos. 2 to 7

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Through Public Prosecutor, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana.
2. Shaik Asma Thabasum, D/o Jahangeer, W/o Mirza Fayaz Baig, Aged about 33 years, Occ-Housewife, R/o. H.No.16-12-166, Labour Colony, Warangal.

...Respondents

Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to QUASH the CC No. 7525 of 2022 in the court of the Principal Junior Civil Judge - cum -

Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class, at Hanumakonda for the offence under Sections - 498-A, 420, 506 IPC, Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act as the same is untenable either on facts or under law.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2023

Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to STAY all further proceedings pursuant to CC No.7525 of 2022 on the file of the Principal Junior Civil Judge - cum - Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class, at Hanumakonda pending disposal of the main Criminal Petition.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri K Pradeep Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner and the Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No. 1 and of Sri E. Ramesh Chandra Goud, Advocate for the Respondent No. 2.

The Court made the following: ORDER

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE TIRUMALA DEVI EADA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7924 OF 2023

DATE: 20-04-2026

Between:

Zubeda Baig @ Mirja Jubedha Begum and
five others

Petitioners

And

The State of Telangana,
Through Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad
for the State of Telangana and another

... Respondents

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed by the petitioners-accused Nos.2 to 7 seeking to quash the proceedings against them in C.C.No.7525 of 2022 on the file of learned Principal Junior Civil Judge-cum-Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Hanumakonda. The offences alleged against the petitioners are under Section 498A I.P.C. and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

2. Heard Sri K. Pradeep Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners, and Sri E. Ramesh Chandra Goud, learned counsel for respondent No.2.
3. The case of the *de facto* complainant is that she has been harassed by her husband and his family members for want of additional dowry.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have never harassed the *de facto* complainant in any manner and that they never resided with the *de facto* complainant. He further submitted that the allegations are absolutely false. He further submitted that the *de facto* complainant has arrayed the family members and the distant relative of accused No.1 as accused with omnibus allegations just to harass them. He further submitted that petitioner Nos.3 to 6 never had an occasion to reside along with the *de facto* complainant and her husband and that there is no iota of truth in the allegations levelled against the petitioners. He, therefore, prayed to quash the proceedings against the petitioners.
5. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 has submitted that the allegations point out the manner in which the petitioners have

harassed the *de facto* complainant and that the *de facto* complainant was put to untold harassment during her marital life with accused No.1. He, therefore, prayed to dismiss the petition.

6. Perused the record.

7. The petitioners herein are accused Nos.2 to 7. Accused Nos.2 and 3 are the parents-in-law and accused Nos.4 to 6 are the sisters-in-law of the *de facto* complainant. Accused No.7 is the sister of mother-in-law of the *de facto* complainant. A perusal of the complaint points out that the husband of the *de facto* complainant i.e., accused No.1, harassed the *de facto* complainant to get the land worth of Rs.50,00,000/- registered in his name towards additional dowry and that her mother-in-law i.e., accused No.2 used to always ask the *de facto* complainant to comply with the demands of accused No.1. It is further alleged that they used to threaten her for want of additional dowry and abuse her, while she was residing at her in-laws place. It is further alleged that accused No.1 left to Abu Dhabi and that he promised to take the *de facto* complainant with him, but he has not done so just to harass her. It is further alleged that subsequently, the *de facto* complainant was taken to Dubai, but after ~~four~~ days she has returned to India at the instance of

accused No.1. It is further alleged that accused No.1 has blocked her phone number and she has been staying at her parents place. It is further alleged that in spite of holding panchayats to pacify the matter, accused No.1 did not mend his attitude, threatened the *de facto* complainant and has left to Dubai all alone, leaving the *de facto* complainant at the mercy of her parents. Thus, all the allegations revolve around the husband of the *de facto* complainant i.e., accused No.1. No specific allegations are narrated against the other family members. The allegations against the mother-in-law are also vague in nature. In the absence of specific allegations against the petitioners, continuation of proceedings against them would be an abuse of process of law, in view of the law laid down by the Honourable Apex Court in **Dara Lakshmi Narayana and others v. State of Telangana and another**¹, wherein it was held that:

“25. A mere reference to the names of family members in a criminal case arising out of a matrimonial dispute, without specific allegations indicating their active involvement should be nipped in the bud. It is a well-recognized fact, borne out of judicial experience, that there is often a tendency to implicate all the members of the husband's family when domestic disputes arise out of a matrimonial discord. Such generalized and sweeping

¹ 2024 LawSuit(SC) 1108

accusations unsupported by concrete evidence or particularized allegations cannot form the basis for criminal prosecution. Courts must exercise caution in such cases to prevent misuse of legal provisions and the legal process and avoid unnecessary harassment of innocent family members."

8. In view of the above held discussion and in the light of the above cited decision, the proceedings against the petitioners deserve to be quashed.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed and the proceedings against the petitioners-accused Nos.2 to 7 in C.C.No.7525 of 2022 on the file of learned Principal Junior Civil Judge-cum-Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Hanumakonda, are hereby quashed.

Miscellaneous Petitions pending, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- S.MALLIKAJUNA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Junior Civil Judge – Cum – Principal Judicial Magistrate of First Class, at Hanumakonda.
2. The ~~Station House~~ Officer, WPS Warangal – I, Hanamkonda District.
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
4. One CC to Sri K Pradeep Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
5. One ~~CC to Sri~~ E. Ramesh Chandra Goud, Advocate [OPUC]
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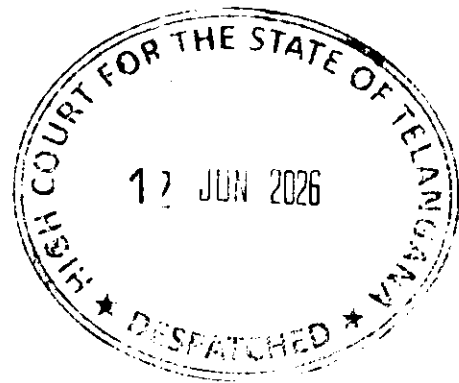


HIGH COURT

DATED: 20/04/2026

ORDER

CRLP.No.7924 OF 2023



ALLOWING THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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