



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

WRIT PETITION NO. 2380 OF 2023 (GM-RES)

C/W

WRIT PETITION NO. 2445 OF 2023 (GM-RES)

IN WP No. 2380/2023:

BETWEEN:

1. MRS. MAYA SANTRA
AGED ABOUT 64 YEARS
W/O MR. S.P. SANTRA.
2. MR. SAKTI PADA SANTRA
AGED ABOUT 66 YEARS
S/O LATE MR. GIRISH CHANDRA SANTRA.

BOTH PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF
BH 57/1, SARDARPARA KRISHANPUR
KOLKATA WEST BENGAL - 700 102
R/AT FLAT NO.215, MBR STEEPLE
DEVARACHIKKANAHALLI
BEGUR MAIN ROAD
BANGALORE - 560 068.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI MANJUNATH H, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY WILSON GARDEN POLICE STATION
(REPRESENTED BY HCGP)
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.
2. MRS. SONAM DUTTA
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
W/O MR. MUNAL SANTRA
EMPLOYED AT: NATWEST GROUP INDIA
(FORMERLY RBS TECHNOLOGY SERVICES)





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INDIA) CAMPUS 5B, RMZ ECOWORLD
ADARSH PALM RETREAT, BELLANDUR
BANGALORE - 560 103
EARLIER RESIDENT OF: DOOR NO.302
OM SHAKTHI KRUPA SREEDHAR MANSION
114/587 8TH CROSS BHUVANESHWARI
LAYOUT, MUNNEKOLLAL
BANGALORE - 560 037
R/A FLAT 5C, SHREE GANAPATI APARTMENT
JHEEL BAGAN, HATIARA KOLKATA - 700 157
PERMANENTS RESIDENT OF:
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...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI VINAY M, HCGP FOR R-1;
R-2 SERVED AND PRESENT)

THIS WP IS FILED UNDER ARTICLE 226 AND 227 OF THE
CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE COMPLAINT, THE
FIR DTD 11.11.2022 AND THE ORDER SHEETS IN CRIME
NO.250/2022 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE 6TH ADDL.
CMM COURT AT BANGALORE,I.E. ANNEXURE-A1.

IN WP NO. 2445/2023:

BETWEEN:

MR. MUNAL SANTRA
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS
S/O MR. S.P. SANTRA
R/AT FLAT NO.215, MBR STEEPLE
DEVARACHIKKANAHALLI
BEGUR MAIN ROAD
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THIS W.P. IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO QUASH THE COMPLAINT, THE FIR DTD 11.11.2022 AND THE ORDER SHEETS IN CRIME NO.250/2022 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE 6TH ADDL. CMM COURT AT BANGALORE I.E., ANNEXURE -A1.

THESE PETITIONS, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY



ORAL ORDER

1. Accused nos.1 to 3 are before this Court in these two writ petitions filed under Articles 226 & 227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of Cr.PC with a prayer to quash the entire proceedings in Crime No.250/2022 registered by Wilson Garden Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A & 504 IPC.

2. Learned Counsel for the petitioners and respondent no.2 who is present before the Court jointly submit that the dispute between the parties has been amicably settled before the Mediation Centre at Bengaluru and based on the memorandum of settlement executed between the parties, the marriage of accused no.1 and respondent no.2 has been dissolved by the Family Court at Bengaluru, in M.C.No.4679/2021.

3. Learned Counsel for the petitioner has filed a joint memo along with the affidavit of the parties and he also has produced the memorandum of settlement entered into between the parties and the order sheet of the Family Court in M.C.No.4679/2021.



4. The joint memo and the documents produced along with the same, are taken on record. The parties who are present before the Court are identified by their respective learned Advocates. In paragraph VII (2) of the memorandum of settlement executed between accused no.1 and respondent no.2 herein on 25.02.2026 before the Mediation Centre at Bengaluru, it is stated as under:

"Both the parties herein agree that there have been some petitions filed by the parties herein against each other and the members of the extended family of each other in the Hon'ble High Court, praying for quashing of the criminal proceedings. Both the parties herein agree that in view of the settlement arrived at as herein they would co-operate with each other in the disposal of the below quashing petitions as per law, bringing it to the notice of the respective Hon'ble High Courts as per the settlement arrived at as herein, in this mediation settlement. The cases being:-

i) WP.No.2380/2023 between Maya Santra & Sakti Santra Vs State of Karnataka & Sonam Dutta to quash FIR No.250/2022.

ii) WP.No.2445/2023, between Munal Santra Vs State of Karnataka & Sonam Dutta to quash FIR No.250/2022."

5. The order sheet in M.C.No.4679/2021 which was pending before the Family Court, Bengaluru, would go to show that



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based on the aforesaid memorandum of settlement, the marriage between the parties has been dissolved by a decree of divorce passed on 25.02.2026 in M.C.No.4679/2021. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made in these two petitions needs to be granted. Accordingly, the following order:

6. Writ petitions are allowed. The entire proceedings in Crime No.250/2022 registered by Wilson Garden Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 498A & 504 IPC, pending on the file of VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru, is quashed.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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