



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 1685 OF 2026

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 9878 OF 2023

IN CRL.P No. 1685/2026:

BETWEEN:

SRI POORNA SAGAR S
S/O R G SHANTHANNA R.G
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
R/AT NO.144/277
9TH MAIN ROAD, PIPELINE
VIJAYANAGARA
BENGALURU - 560 040.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI B.N. ANJAN KUMAR, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY WOMEN POLICE STATION
BASAVANAGUDI, BENGALURU
PIN CODE - 560 019.

REP. BY THE STATE
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
VIDHANA VEEDHI ROAD
BANGALORE - 560 001.

2. SMT. KAVITHA S.C
D/O CHINNAMALLAIAH
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
R/AT NO.102, 10TH CROSS
SHUBHASH NAGARA
NELAMANGALA - 562 123.

...RESPONDENTS





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(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP FOR R-1;
SRI UDAY KUMAR REDDY B.R, ADV., FOR R-2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNNS)
PRAYING TO QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN CR.NO.230/2022
IN C.C.NO.37476/2022 FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.1
BASAVANAGUDI WOMEN P.S. PENDING ON THE FILE OF HONBLE
24TH A.C.J.M AT BENGALURU AGAINST THE PETITIONER.

IN CRL.P NO. 9878/2023:

BETWEEN:

1. MRS. SHARADHA M.V.
W/O SRI R.G. SHANTHANNA
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO. 277/144
9TH MAIN, GANAPATHI BHAVANA
VIJAYANAGAR, PIPELINE
BENGALURU - 560 040.
2. MRS. PRAPTHI S
W/O SRI VINEETH A.C
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO.1032
2ND MAIN, 4TH CROSS
VIJAYANAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 040.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI B.N. ANJAN KUMAR, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BVASAVANAGUDI POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY THE STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. MRS. KAVITHA S.C
W/O MR. POORNA SAGAR S
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS
277/144, 9TH MAIN
GANAPATHI BHAVANA
VIJAYANAGAR, PIPELINE



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BENGALURU - 560 040
NOW RESIDING AT 102
10TH CROSS, SUBASH NAGAR
NELAMANGALA
BENGALURU - 562 123.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP FOR R-1;
SRI UDAY KUMAR REDDY B.R, ADV., FOR R-2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC PRAYING TO 1.QUASH PROCEEDINGS IN C.C.NO.37476/2022 PENDING BEFORE THE LD.XXXVII A.C.M.M BENGALURU WHEREIN THE PETITIONERS ARE ARRAYED AS ACCUSED NO.2 AND 3 FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 354(A),506,498A,504 OF IPC ALONG WITH SEC.3,4 OF D.P ACT (ANNEXURE-C).

THESE PETITIONS, COMING ON FOR REPORTING SETTLEMENT, 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 criminal petitions filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, R/w Section 528 of BNSS, 2023 with a prayer to quash the entire proceedings in C.C.No.37476/2022 pending before the Cuort of XXIV Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru arising out of Crime No.230/2022 registered by Basavanagudi Women Police Station, Bengaluru for the offence punishable under Sections 354(A), 506, 498A, 504 of IPC and Section 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.



2. Learned counsel appearing for the parties submit that the dispute between the parties has been amicably settled before the Mediation Centre at Bengaluru in M.C.No3030/2022 and it is agreed under the memorandum of settlement executed between the parties that entire proceedings in these two petitions could be closed /quashed.

3. The memorandum of settlement executed by accused no.1 and respondent no.2 herein is placed on record at Annexure-E to this petition. In paragraph nos.5 and 6 of the said memorandum of settlement dated 24.12.2025 it is stated as follows:

"5. The Petitioner has agreed to pay a sum of Rs.20,00,000/-(Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only) to the Respondent as full and final settlement towards maintenance/permanent alimony by way of two demand drafts details as mentioned below:

a) A demand draft bearing No.392411 dated 24.12.2025 drawn on The Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., R.P.C.Layout Branch, Bengaluru for an amount of Rs.15,00,000/-(Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Only) and the same shall be handed over to the Respondent before the Hon'ble Court at the time of reporting this settlement in the above case.



b) A demand draft bearing No.392412 dated 24.12.2025 drawn on The Karnataka State Co-operative Apex Bank Ltd., R.P.C.Layout Branch, Bengaluru for an amount of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) and the same shall be handed over to the Respondent at the time of closing C.C.No.37476/2022 pending before 24th ACMM, Bengaluru.

In view of this settlement the Respondent has agreed to co-operate with the Petitioner in closing/quashing the proceedings in C.C.No.37476/2022 pending before the 24th ACMM, Bengaluru for the offences punishable under section 498A, 504, 354 (A) and 34 of IPC. Further the Petitioner has agreed to close Crl.P.No.6412/2023 pending the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

6. The Petitioner has agreed to return all the documents pertaining to the minor child at the time of closing C.C.NO.37476/2022 pending before 24th ACMM, Bengaluru to the Respondent."

4. Learned counsel for the respondent has today filed a memo stating that all documents relating to the minor child has been already returned by petitioner no.1 and there is no article to be returned by him. The said memo is taken on



record. Under these circumstances, I am of the opinion that, the prayer made in these two petitions needs to be granted.

5. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **RAMGOPAL AND ANOTHER Vs. STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH -2021 SCC ONLINE SC 834**, has observed that notwithstanding the limitations provided under Section 320 of Cr.P.C, this Court, in exercise of its powers under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, can quash criminal proceedings registered even for non compoundable offences depending upon the nature and gravity of allegation, relationship between the parties and nature of settlement arrived between them.

6. In the case on hand the parties are all close relatives and they have come forward to compound the offences for which the petitioners have been charge sheeted. The charges are not grave in nature. Under these circumstances, I am of the opinion that, it is a fit case, wherein this Court needs to exercise its inherent power to quash the impugned criminal proceedings so as to give complete justice to the parties, who are before this Court.

7. Accordingly, criminal petitions are allowed. The entire proceedings C.C.No.37476/2022 pending before the



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Court of XXIV Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru arising out of Crime No.230/2022 registered by Basavanagudi Women Police Station, Bengaluru for the offence punishable under Sections 354(A), 506, 498A, 504 of IPC and Section 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 is hereby quashed.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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List No.: 2 SI No.: 28