



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 2013 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

LALIT WAMANRAO WAGHMARE
C/O WASUDEV GAYBOLE
JAITALA ROAD
AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
JAITALA NEAR SANT JOSEF SCHOOL
NAGAPUR (URBAN), JAITALA
NAGAPUR, MAHARASTRA- 440 036.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHARATH J M., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY MANDYA CEN CRIME PS
REP BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU- 560 001.

2. LOKESH D S
S/O LATE SIDDARAMEGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS
R/AT 6TH CROSS, LEELAVATHI EXTN
MADDURU TOWN
MANDYA DISTRICT- 571 428.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. B N JAGADEESHA., ADDL. SPP FOR R1;
MISS KEERTHI REDDY, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 528 OF
BHARATHIYA NAGARIKA SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 PRAYING
THAT TO QUASH THE FIR AND COMPLAINT IN CR.NO.74/2025



REGISTERED BY THE MANDYA CEN CRIME POLICE WHICH IS PENDING BEFORE THE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C, MANDYA FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 66(D) OF IT. ACT, 2000 AND SEC. 318(4), 336(2), 319(2) R/W 3(5) OF THE BNS 2023.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR REPORTING SETTLEMENT, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA**

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner is before this Court calling in question registration of a crime in Crime No.74/2025, pending before the II Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Mandya, for the offences under Sections 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 319(2) r/w. 3(5) of the BNS, 2023.

2. Heard Sri Sharath J.M., learned counsel for petitioner, Sri B.N.Jagadeesha, learned Additional State Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1 and Ms.Keerthi Reddy, learned counsel for respondent No.2.

3. Ms.Keerthi Reddy, learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that the amount that was complained of siphon is reverted back or received by the complainant and therefore,



the complainant does not want to pursue the proceedings insofar as the present petitioner is concerned. Since the accused is only one and is before the Court and the complainant would not require to pursue the matter, the said crime may be obliterated against the petitioner - accused. In this regard, an application under Section 359 r/w. 528 of the BNSS, seeking permission to compound the offences along with separate affidavits of the parties is filed before the Court.

4. Learned Additional State Public Prosecutor submits that a larger picture is necessary to be investigated in the case at hand and there are many accounts beyond the shores of the State. Therefore, the investigation must be permitted to continue.

5. The affidavit of the complainant reads as follows:

- "2. I state that the Petitioner has filed the present petition under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking quashing of the FIR and complaint in Crime No.74/2025 registered by Mandya CEN Crime Police Station for the offences punishable under Section 66(D) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 319(2) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, pending before the II Additional Senior Civil Judge & JMFC, Mandya.
3. I state that the disputes giving rise to the above criminal proceedings have been amicably settled



between myself and the Petitioner through mutual discussions, and all outstanding issues between the parties have been resolved to my satisfaction and the complainant has no further claims whatsoever.

4. In view of the settlement arrived at, I have no surviving, grievance against the Petitioner in respect of the subject matter of Crime No.74/2005 and I do not wish to pursue the said criminal proceedings any further.
5. I state that my decision to settle the matter and to consent for quashing of the FIR and complaint is voluntary, made with full knowledge of the facts and consequences, and without any coercion, undue influence, threat or pressure from the Petitioner or from any other person.
6. I further state that continuation of the criminal proceedings would serve no useful purpose and that quashing of the FIR and complaint would secure the ends of justice.
7. I respectfully submit that I have no objection to this Hon'ble Court allowing the present Criminal Petition and quashing the FIR and complaint in Crime No.74/2025, including all consequential proceedings arising therefrom. I also have no objection to the defreezing of the (8) bank accounts made pursuant to the Online Complaint Acknowledgement No.31612250172109, 31612250172049, 31612250172032, 31612250171987, 31612250171996, 31612250171189, 31612250171184, 31612250171177.

WHEREFORE, I humbly pray that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to accept the affidavit and to allow the IA for compounding/settlement of the offences and allow the above-mentioned Criminal Petition to quash the FIR and Complaint in Crime No.74/2025 registered by the Mandya CEN Crime PS for an offence punishable under sections 66(D) of the IT Act, 2000 and Sections 318(4), 336(2), 319(2) R/w 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 pending of the file of IInd Addl. Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Mandya in the interest of Justice and Equity.



Whatever is stated in Para No.1 to 7 of this affidavit is true to the best of our knowledge, belief and information.

In the light of the settlement between the petitioner - accused and respondent No.2 – complainant, the crime against the petitioner - accused stands obliterated.

6. Insofar as other accused are concerned, it is made clear that this Court has not closed the proceedings. It is open for the State to continue the investigation against other accused.

7. The apprehension of the learned Additional State Public Prosecutor appears to be rational, as the settlement in the subject petition cannot obliterate the crime in the interest of the public. This would not mean that the petitioner - accused can be drawn into the web of crime. The crime against the petitioner is obliterated on the score that the complainant has himself settled the dispute between the petitioner and is not interested in pursuing the impugned crime.



8. For the aforesaid reasons, the following:

ORDER

- a. The criminal petition is disposed.
- b. The impugned crime in Crime No.74/2025, pending before the II Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Mandya, *qua* the petitioner, stands quashed.
- c. Investigation against other accused in Crime No.74/2025, pending before the II Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Mandya, shall continue.
- d. It is made clear that this Court has not gone into the merit of the matter.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(M.NAGAPRASANNA)
JUDGE