



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 4185 OF 2026**

**BETWEEN:**

MR. RANJITH KUMAR  
S/O MR. SUKUMARAN A,  
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,  
PERMANENT ADDRESS AT  
S/O E-104, ND SEPAL APARTMENT,  
SECTOR 2, SOMASANDRAPALYA,  
BANGALORE- 560102  
CURRENTLY RESIDING AT  
SUKU NIVAS, VALAMCHUZH,  
PATHANAMTHITTA PO AND DIST,  
KERALA 689 645

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ANAND MUTTALLI.,ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
BY BASAVANAGUDI POLICE  
REP. BY IT STATE PUBLIC  
PROSECUTOR -HIGH COURT OF  
KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU 560001

2. MRS. VINEETHA RANJITH  
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS  
R/A E-104, ND SEPAL APARTMENT,  
SECTOR 2, SOMASANDRAPALYA,  
BANGALORE- 560102

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.CHANNAPPA EARAPPA, HCGP FOR R1;  
SMT.ANUSUYA G.L., ADVOCATE FOR SIJI MALAYIL FOR R2)





THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNSS) PRAYING TO QUASH THE IMPUGNED PROCEEDINGS IN CRL. MISC. 78/2024 (AT ANNEXURE-A) FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 2005 AGAINST THE PETITIONER, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE VI METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE TRAFFIC COURT, BENGALURU.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

**ORAL ORDER**

Petitioner – husband is before this Court calling in question proceedings in Crl.Misc.No.78/2024 pending before the VI Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Bengaluru, for the offence under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner and respondent No.2 in unison submit that the couple were before the concerned family Court in M.C.No.6152/2025 and have settled their dispute by drawing up certain terms and conditions before the mediation center and have parted their ways. The parties have filed an application under Section 359 r/w. 528 of the BNS, 2023 along with a joint affidavit before this Court to that effect.



3. The joint affidavit reads as follows:

- "1. The Petitioner herein is aggrieved by the institution of proceedings in Crl. Misc. 78/2024 for the offence punishable under section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, pending before the 6th Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Bengaluru; and the criminal proceedings initiated in CC. No. 13246/2025 registered against the Petitioner for alleged offences punishable under Sections 498A, 323, 504 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and Section 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 pending on the file of the Hon'ble XXXVII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore, has preferred this instant petition seeking to quash the entire proceeding initiated against him.
2. Subsequent to the initiation of the proceedings mentioned supra the Petitioner and 2 Respondent have mutually approached the Hon'ble 1 Additional Family Judge, Bengaluru in MC 6152/2017 and amicably resolved all their disputes in mediation. Accordingly, the settlement agreement entered into by the Petitioner as well as the Respondent (complainant) formed a part of the decree passed in MC 6152/2017, disposed by the Hon'ble 1 Additional Family Judge, Bengaluru at (at Annexure B in CRL P4194/2026) and the Respondent-Complainant no longer wishes to prosecute the said matters in Crl. Misc. 78/2024, pending before the Hon'ble 6th Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Bengaluru, and the criminal proceedings initiated in CC. No. 13246/2025 pending on the file of the Hon'ble XXXVII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore.



3. In view of the settlement agreement entered into by the parties (at Annexure B in CRLP 4194/2026), the Petitioner herein, on this day, is handing over a Demand Draft dated 10.03.2026, bearing number 000486 drawn in favour of the De Facto Complainant for a sum of Rs. 18,00,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Only) towards the remaining full and final settlement amount.
4. In lieu of the settlement between the parties, continuation of the aforestated proceedings will cause irreparable injury and hardship, not only to the Petitioner herein, but also to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent.
5. In view of the settlement arrived at by the parties, the Petitioner humbly prays that this Hon'ble Court may kindly permit the parties to compound the alleged offences in Cri. Misc. 78/2024 pending before the Hon'ble 6th Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Bengaluru; and the criminal proceedings initiated in CC. No. 13246/2025 pending on the file of the Hon'ble XXXVII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Bangalore, in the interest of justice.
6. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent/First Information does not have any objections for compounding the alleged offences as the disputes have been settled amicably as stated supra. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Respondent does not have any further claims or grievances against the Petitioner."

In the light of the afore-quoted joint affidavit, I deem it appropriate to terminate the proceedings against the petitioner,



as it is a matrimonial dispute as the allegations are not against the State.

4. For the aforesaid reasons, the following:

**ORDER**

- (a) The criminal petition is disposed.
- (b) The proceedings in Crl.Misc.No.78/2024 pending before the VI Metropolitan Magistrate Traffic Court, Bengaluru, stand quashed.

**Sd/-**  
**(M.NAGAPRASANNA)**  
**JUDGE**

NVJ  
List No.: 2 SI No.: 96