



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

**DATED THIS THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE M G UMA**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16704 OF 2025**

**BETWEEN:**

1. RAGHAVENDRA P BHAT  
S/O PRABHAKAR BHAT  
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS  
WORKING AT MEDI ASSIST  
TPR PVT LMT, IBC KNOWLEDGE  
PARK, DAIRY CIRCLE, BENGALURU-560029

R/AT NO.307, 3<sup>RD</sup> MAIN, JAGATJYOTHI  
LAYOUT, JNANBHARATHI, NAGADEVANAHALLI,  
BENGALURU CITY - 560 056

PRESENTLY R/AT 958,  
MELINKERI, HEGADE, KUMTA,  
UTTARA KANNADA - 581 330

2. GANAPATHI P.BHAT  
S/O PRABHAKAR BHAT  
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS  
KENNA METAL 8<sup>TH</sup> MILE,  
NEAR PARLE MILE, NEAR PARLE  
FACTORY, BENGALURU - 560 057

PRESENTLY R/AT 958, MELINKERI,  
HEGADE, KUMTA - 581 330

3. ISHWAR HEGDE  
S/O LATE NARAYAN HEGDE  
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS  
NO.008, ANAND SOMU PRESTINE,  
GOLLAHALLI, ANJANAPURA, BENGALURU-560108

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. DHIRAJ A.K., ADVOCATE)





**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,  
REPRESENTED BY P.S.I.,  
BASAVANAGUDI WOMEN POLICE  
STATION, BENGALURU, REPRESENTED  
BY SPP HIGH COURT BUILDING,  
BENGALURU - 580 011

2. SHWETHA V.BHAT  
W/O RAGHAVENDRA P. BHAT  
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS,  
R/AT NO.152, 4<sup>TH</sup> CROSS,  
SARATHI NAGAR, J.P. NAGAR  
8<sup>TH</sup> PHASE, BENGALURU CITY-560 108

PRESENTLY RESIDING AT BHATTARAHITAALU,  
BEACH ROAD, MAVALLI, MURUDESHWARA,  
BHATKAL TALUK, UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT-581350

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RANGASWAMY R., HCGP FOR R1  
SMT. SAVITHA C., ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNSS)  
PRAYING TO QUASH THE FIR REGISTERED AGAINST THE  
PETITIONERS IN CR.NO.222/2021 BY BASAVANAGUDI WOMEN P.S.  
FOR OFFENCES P/U/S. 498(A), 504, IPC R/W SEC.4 OF D.P. ACT  
1961, PENDING ON THE FILE OF 37<sup>TH</sup> ADDL. C.M.M COURT  
BENGALURU.

THIS CRL.P, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, THIS DAY, ORDER  
WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE M G UMA



**ORAL ORDER**

Learned counsel for the petitioners and respondent No.2 submit in unison that the dispute between the parties is settled amicably. They have filed the joint memo, which reads as under:

***"JOINT MEMO***

*Parties above named begs to submit as under;*

- 1. That the present petition is filed by accused no.1, 2 & 5 seeking for quashing of FIR registered in crime no.222/2021 by Basavanagudi Women Police Station for offences punishable U/s 498A, 504 of IPC R/w Sec.4 of D.P. Act pending on the file of XXXVII ACMM (presently ACJM), Bengaluru.*
- 2. That the marriage of the petitioner no.1 with respondent no.2 was solemnized on 07.08.2014 at Raghaveshwara Bharathi Havyaka Sabha Bhavana, Murdeshwara, Bhatkal came to be dissolved vide decree dated 16.06.2025 passed in MC No.2716/2024 by Vth Addl. Principal Judge Family Court, Bengaluru based on memorandum of settlement entered into between petitioner no.1 and respondent no.2.*
- 3. That clause (5) & (9) of memorandum of settlement reads as under;*

***(5) The petitioner has agreed to pay a sum of Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) to the respondent towards maintenance/permanent alimony as full and final settlement of all her claims. Out of the said amount the Rs.4,00,000/-***



***(Rupees Four Lakhs Only) will be paid by the petitioner to the respondent by way of electronic transfer to the respondent's account at the time of reporting settlement before the Hon'ble Court. The remaining balance amount of Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) will be paid by the petitioner to the respondent by way of electronic transfer to the respondent's account at the time of quashing/closing the Crime No.222/2021 which is pending 37<sup>th</sup> ACMM, Bengaluru.***

***(9) In view of this settlement the respondent has agreed to co-operate in closing/quashing the proceedings in Crime No.222/2021 filed at Basavanagudi Women's Police Station filed against the petitioner and other family members for the offence punishable under Section 498-A, 504 of IPC R/w Section 4 of D.P Act which pending before 37<sup>th</sup> ACMM, Bengaluru.***

4. That pursuant to the decree passed in decree dated 16.06.2025 passed in MC No.2716/2024 by Vth Addl. Principal Judge Family Court, Bengaluru, petitioner no.1 has transferred a sum of Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Only) to the respondent no.2's account on 16.06.2025 and the same is acknowledged by the respondent no.2. Today petitioner no.1 has paid balance sum of Rs.4,50,000/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) to the respondent by DD No.500296, dated 22.01.2026, drawn on ICICI Bank, Kumta. Respondent no.2 acknowledges receipt of a sum of Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) towards full and final settlement of the permanent alimony from Petitioner No.1. True copy of Demand draft is produced herewith.



5. *In view of petitioner no.1 having paid the permanent alimony of Rs.8,50,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) to the respondent no.2, marriage between them having been dissolved, both have decided to move forward independently in their lives and put quletus to all the issues between them. Hence respondent no.2 is not interested in prosecuting the petitioners for offences punishable U/s 498A, 504 of IPC R/w Sec.4 of D.P Act in crime no.222/2021 by Basavanagudi Women Police Station pending on the file of XXXVII ACMM (presently ACJM), Bengaluru. She has no objection to quash the proceedings against the Petitioners*

**PRAYER**

*Wherefore it is most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to allow this petition and quash the F.I.R. registered against the Petitioners in Crime No. 222/2021 by Basavanagudi Women Police Station, for offences punishable under Sec. 498(A), 504 IPC r/w Sec. 4 of D.P. Act 1961, pending on the file of 37<sup>th</sup> Addl CJM Court, Bengaluru in the interest of justice."*

2. The joint memo is signed by the learned counsel for the petitioners and respondent No.2. It is also signed by petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2.

3. Petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2 have also filed the joint affidavit, which reads as under:



**"JOINT AFFIDAVIT**

*We, 1) Raghavendra P Bhat S/o Prabhakar Bhat, aged about 45 years, working at Medi Assist TPR Pvt LMT, IBC knowledge Park, Dairy Circle, Bengaluru-560029, R/at No.307, 3<sup>rd</sup> Main, Jagatjyothi Layout, Jnanabharathi, Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560056, Presently r/at 958, Melinakeri, Hegde, Kumta, Uttara Kannda-581330 and 2) Shwetha V Bhat former W/o Raghavendra P.Bhat, Aged about 40 years, R/at No.152, 4<sup>th</sup> Cross, Sarathi Nagar, J.P.Nagar 8<sup>th</sup> Phase, Bengaluru city-560 108, Presently residing at Bhattarahitaalu, Beach Road, Mavalli, Murudeshwara, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara kannada District 581350, do on solemn affirmation state the following facts on oath.*

- 1. We state that we are aware about entire facts of the case, hence we state the following:*
- 2 We state that statements made in paragraphs 1 to 5 of Joint memo accompanying this affidavit are true to the best of our knowledge, information and we believe them to be true and correct."*

4. Along with the joint memo and joint affidavit, the memorandum of settlement under Section 89 of CPC R/w Rules 24 and 25 of the Karnataka Civil Procedure (Mediation) Rules, 2005 is also produced.

5. Petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2 are present before the Court and they are identified by their respective counsel.



6. Petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2 admit the contents of the joint memo and respondent No.2 specifically states that the dispute between her and petitioner No.1 is settled amicably and she has no objection to allow the petition and to quash the criminal proceedings.

7. Respondent No.2 acknowledges receipt of Rs.4 lakhs paid on 16.06.2025 and also receipt of the demand draft for Rs.4,50,000/- dated 22.01.2026 as referred to in the joint memo. She has no further claim against the petitioner herein.

8. Joint memo, joint affidavit and the submissions are placed on record. The terms of the joint memo is accepted in view of the relationship between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.2.

9. In view of the above, the petition is liable to be allowed. Accordingly, I proceed to pass the following:

**ORDER**

- (i) Criminal Petition is ***allowed.***
- (ii) The criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners pending in Cr.No.222/2021



on the file of the learned 37<sup>th</sup> Additional C.M.M.  
Court, Bengaluru, registered for the offences  
punishable under Sections 498(A), 504 of IPC R/w  
Section 4 of DP Act 1961, is hereby quashed.

In view of disposal of the main petition, pending IA  
No.1/2025 stands disposed off.

**Sd/-**  
**(M G UMA)**  
**JUDGE**

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CT:VS

List No.: 1 Sl No.: 13