



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.SRISHANANDA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 100319 OF 2026

(482(CR.PC)/528(BNSS))

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 100427 OF 2024

IN CRL.P NO. 100319/2026

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. SANTOSH S/O SHIVAJI BENAGI
AGE. 42 YEARS, OCC. PRIVATE WORK,
R/O. MANIKANT NAGAR,
4TH CROSS, DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
2. SMT. YALLAMMA W/O KRISHNAPPA HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 81 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD
R/O. M.R. NAGAR,
4TH CROSS, DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
3. SRI. BASAVARAJ S/O KRISHNAPPA HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 56 YEARS, OCC. PRIVATE WORK,
R/O. M.R. NAGAR,
4TH CROSS, DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
4. SMT. AKKAMMA @ LAXMI W/O YALLAPPA UNAKAL
AGE. 54 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD
R/O. PLOT NO.46A, JAI JEENEDRA COLONY,
NEAR CHARANHIMATH GARDEN,
DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
5. SMT SUJATA W/O BASAVARAJ HARAPANHALLI
AGE. 47 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD
R/O. M.R. NAGAR,
4TH CROSS, DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.





6. SMT. GANGAVVA W/O RUDRAPPA HEBASUR
AGE. 66 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD
R/O. M.R. NAGAR
HEBBALLI AGASI ROAD,
DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
7. SRI RUDRAPPA S/O YALLAPPA HEBASUR
AGE. 71 YEARS, OCC. RTD. LIFE
R/O. M.R. NAGAR,
HEBBALLI AGASI ROAD,
DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.
8. SRI YALLAPPA S/O TIPPANNA UNAKAL
AGE. 59 YEARS, OCC. EMPLOYEE
R/O. PLOT NO.46A, JAI JEENEDRA COLONY,
NEAR CHANTHIMATH GARDEN, DIST. DHARWAD.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. V.G. BHAT AND SRI. SURAJ M. KATAGI, ADVOCATES)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY DHARWAD TOWN POLICE STATION
R/BY SPP HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
DHARWAD BENCH.
2. SMT. LAXMI W/O PRAKASH HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 81 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD
R/O. M.R. NAGAR,
4TH CROSS, DHARWAD, DIST. DHARWAD.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. KIRTELATA R. PATIL, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. A.M. MALIPATIL, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED U/SE. 482 OF CR.P.C.
(U/S. 528 OF BNSS, 2023) SEEKING TO QUASH FIR IN CRIMINAL
NO. 158/2022 REGISTERED BY DHARWAD TOWN POLICE AND
QUASH CHARGE SHEET AND ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN C.C.NO.
12/2023 PENDING BEFORE II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C.
DHARWAD.

IN CRL.P NO. 100427/2024

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. LAKSHMI W/O PRAKASH HARAPANAHALLI



- AGE. 43 YEARS, OCC. AAYA IN SDM HOSPITAL
R/O. M.R.NAGAR, 4TH CROSS
DHARWAD-580001.
2. NAVEEN S/O PRAKASH HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 26 YEARS, OCC. STUDENT/ WORKING
R/O. M.R.NAGAR, 4TH CROSS
DHARWAD-580001.
3. SIDDARTH S/O PRAKASH HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 24 YEARS, OCC. STUDENT
R/O. M.R.NAGAR, 4TH CROSS
DHARWAD-580001.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. A.M. MALIPATIL, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH DHARWAD TOWN POLICE
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD.
2. YALLAMMA W/O KRISHNAPA HARAPANAHALLI
AGE. 82 YEARS, OCC. HOUSE WORK,
R/O. M.R.NAGAR, 4TH CROSS,
DHARWAD-580001.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. KIRTELATA R. PATIL, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. V.G. BHAT AND SRI. SURAJ M. KATAGI, ADVOCATES FOR
R2)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED U/SEC. 482 OF CR.P.C.
SEEKING TO QUASH THE ORDER OF TAKING COGNIZANCE
DATED 24.01.2023 AND CONSEQUENTLY ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS
IN C.C. NO. 14/2023, PENDING ON THE FILE OF COURT OF II
ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC II COURT AT DHARWAD FOR THE
OFFENCES P/U/SEC. 323, 341, 504, 506, 34 OF IPC,
REGISTERED IN CRIME NO. 159/2022 AT DHARWAD TOWN P.S.
PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE-G, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.



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

ORAL ORDER

(PER: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.SRISHANANDA)

1. Heard learned counsel Sri.V.G.Bhat and Sri.Suraj M. Katagi, Smt.Kirtilata R. Patil, learned High Court Government Pleader and learned counsel Sri.A.M.Malipatil, for the parties.

2. The petitioners and respondent No.2 are present before the Court. They have jointly filed a memo for reporting settlement. Contents of the joint memo reads as under:

JOINT MEMO FOR REPORTING SETTLEMENT

*The Petitioners/Accused and Respondents
No.2/Complainants in the above both the petitions most
respectfully submits as under;*

*1) That the Petitioners in Crl. P. No. 100427/2024
have filed petition under Section 528 of BNSS
seeking quashing of the order of taking cognizance
dated 24-01-2023 and consequently entire criminal
proceedings in C.C. No. 14/2023, pending on the
file of Court of II Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC II*



Court at Dharwad for the offences punishable U/s. 323, 341, 504, 506, 34 of IPC, registered in Crime No.159/2022 at Dharwad Town P.S.

- 2) That the Petitioners in Crl. P. No. 100319/2026 have filed petition under Section 528 of BNSS seeking quashing of the FIR in Crime No.158/2022 registered by Dharwad Town Police and Quash Charge Sheet and entire proceedings in C.C.No.12/2023 pending before II Addl. Civil Judge and J.M.F.C. Dharwad.*
- 3) For the sake of brevity the facts stated in both the petitions may kindly be treated as part and parcel of this application.*
- 4) The dispute between the Petitioners and Respondent No.2 arose out of family and domestic misunderstandings. Owing to strained relationship and altercations, complaint and counter-complaint came to be lodged, resulting in registration of the above criminal case.*
- 5) During the pendency of both the above petitions, with the intervention of elders and well-wishers, both the parties in above petitions have now amicably settled their disputes. The*



misunderstandings have been cleared and both sides have resolved to live peacefully without interfering in each other's personal affairs.

- 6) That, the Respondents No.2/Complainants in both the petitions agreed to withdraw the allegations made in their complaints which were lodged by them under misconception against the petitioners in both the petitions.*
- 7) Respondent No.2 in both the petitions have no objection for allowing the Criminal Petitions and for quashing the both the criminal proceedings in C.C. No.14/2023 arising out of Dharwad Town P.S. in Crime No. 159/2022, and C.C. No.12/2023 arising out of Dharwad Town P.S. in Crime No.158/2022, in the interest of justice.*
- 8) The compromise has been entered into voluntarily, out of free will and consent, without any force, threat, coercion or undue influence from any person.*
- 9) In view of the amicable settlement and considering the close relationship between the parties, continuation of the criminal proceedings would*



serve no useful purpose and would only prolong bitterness between them.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioners and Respondent No.2 in both the petitions respectfully pray that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to compound the offences in both the cases and there by quash the criminal proceedings;

a) Pending before the Court of II Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC II Court at Dharwad in C.C. No. 14/2023 (Dharwad Town P.S. Crime No.159/2022) registered against the Petitioners/Accused No.1 to 3 for the offences punishable U/s. 323, 341, 504, 506, 34 of IPC.

b) Pending before the Court of II Addl. Civil Judge and JMFC Court at Dharwad in C.C. No. 12/2023, (Dharwad Town P.S. Crime al No.158/2022) registered against the Petitioners/Accused No.1 to 8 for the offences punishable U/s. 143, 147, 148, 323, 324, 341, 427, 504, 506, 149 of IPC., in the interest of justice and equity.



3. The contents of the joint memo have been read over to the parties. The parties have stated that the memo correctly depicts the terms of the dispute, which has been amicably settled between them. They have further confirmed that the settlement was reached voluntarily, without any force, undue influence, or coercion.

4. In view of the above, this Court takes note that all terms of settlement have been mutually agreed upon by the parties, and accordingly, the dispute stands resolved on the basis of such amicable settlement.

5. Placing the joint memo on record, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- (i) The petitions are allowed in terms of the joint memo.
- (ii) Consequently, the pending proceedings in C.C.No.14/2023 pending on the file of II Additional Civil Judge and JMFC-II, Dharwad, arising out of Crime No.159/2022 registered by Dharwad Town Police Station in Criminal



Petition No.100427/2024, and C.C.No.12/2023 pending on the file of II Additional Civil Judge and JMFC, Dharwad, arising out of Crime No.158/2022 registered by Dharwad Town Police Station in Criminal Petition No.100319/2026, are hereby quashed.

Sd/-
(V.SRISHANANDA)
JUDGE