



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.SRISHANANDA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 100828 OF 2020 (482(CR.PC)/528(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. SANDEEP DESAI S/O SHRIDHAR RAO DESAI
AGE: 27 YEARS, OCC: STUDENT,
R/O: 13-1-902, REVENUE COLONY ANANTPUR,
ANDHRA PRADESH-515001,
2. SRI. SHRIDHARA RAO DESAI S/O D. BABU RAO DESAI
AGE: 58 YEARS, OCC: SERVICE,
R/O: 13-1-902,
REVENUE COLONY ANANTPUR,
ANDHRA PRADESH-515001,
3. SMT. TULASAMMA W/O PRABHANJAN RAO VEERAPUR
AGE: 70 YEARS, OCC: STUDENT,
R/O: #41/18 2ND MAIN ROAD,
PARAVTINAGAR, BALLARI,
4. SMT. DEEPIKA W/O SANDEEPAKUMAR J.
AGE: 70 YEARS, OCC: STUDENT,
R/O: #617, 16TH MAIN ROAD,
25TH CROSS, JUDICIAL LAYOUT,
BENGALURU-560065,

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. S.K. KAYAKAMATH, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY POLICE INSPECTOR,
TOWN POLICE STATION,
KOPPAL, DIST: KOPPAL.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. KIRITILATA R. PATIL, HCGP)





THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED U/S 482 OF CR.P.C., PRAYING TO CALL FOR THE RECORDS AND QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE PETITIONERS-ACCUSED NO.4 TO 7 IN KOPPAL TOWN POLICE STATION CRIME NO.40/2020 DATED 22/03/2020 PENDING ON THE FILE OF SENIOR CIVIL JDUGE AND CJM, KOPPAL.

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

ORAL ORDER

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

1. Heard Sri.S.K.Kayakamth, learned counsel appearing for petitioners and Smt.Kirtilata R. Patil, learned High Court Government Pleader, appearing for respondent-State.

2. The petitioners are accused Nos.4 to 7 in Crime No.40 of 2020 of Koppal Town Police for the offences punishable under Sections 229(A), 463, 464, 465, 468, 471, 213 read with 149 of the IPC.

3. The main allegation against these petitioners are that they knew very well the whereabouts of accused Nos.1 to 3, who had jumped the bail and that these petitioners have actively colluded with them in screening them from the clutches of law.

4. During the course of investigation, it is noticed that accused No.1 died and accused No.2 and 3, who had jumped the



bail in respect of Crime No.3 of 2014, have now appeared before the Court and they are facing the trial.

5. Therefore, the main plank on which the petitioners have been arraigned as accused Nos.4 and 7 in the present crime itself has lost its significance, as accused No.1 is deceased and accused Nos.2 and 3 have surrendered to the Court and facing the trial.

6. Hence, continuation of the investigation in respect of present Crime No.40 of 2020 by Koppal Town Police, insofar as these petitioners are concerned, is totally unwarranted.

7. Accordingly, the following order is passed:

ORDER

- (i) The petition is ***allowed***.
- (ii) The pending FIR in Crime No.40/2020 dated 22.03.2020, pending of the file of Senior Civil Judge and CJM, Koppal, insofar as present petitioners are concerned is hereby quashed.

**Sd/-
(V.SRISHANANDA)
JUDGE**