



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD
DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR
CRIMINAL PETITION NO.102490 OF 2025
(482 OF Cr.PC/528 OF BNSS)

BETWEEN:

SRI VEERANJANEYAPPA
@ VEERANJINAPPA V.,
S/O. LATE VEERAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. BIDARAKATTE VILLAGE,
POST. NAGAVALLI HEBBUR,
TQ. AND DIST.TUMKUR,
NOW AT 152,
BEHIND PANCHAYAT OFFICE,
DASANAPUR HOBLI,
BENGALURU 562123.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI M. R. HIEMATHAD, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY NARAGUND POLICE STATION,
NARAGUND, GADAG DISTRICT,



REPRESENTED BY ITS S.P.P.,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
DHARWAD-580011.

2. SRI BALAPPA
S/O. FAKIRAPPA MADIVALARA,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
OCC: LABOURER,
RESIDING AT: VASANA VILLAGE,
NARAGUND TALUK,
GADAG DISTRICT-582202.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI DAYANAND SANGRESHI, HCGP FOR R1;
NOTICE TO R2 SERVED)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, PRAYING TO QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN CRIME NO.131/2023, S.C. NO.62/2024 OF NARAGUNDA POLICE STATION, NARAGUNDA TOWN, GADAG DISTRICT REGISTERED AGAINST THE PETITIONER FOR AN ALLEGED OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 306, 504 READ WITH SECTION 34 OF IPC NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, GADAG, GADAG DISTRICT, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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



CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR

ORAL ORDER

This petition is filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973¹/Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarika Suraksha Sanhita, 2023², by the petitioner/accused No.3 with the following prayer:

"WHEREFORE, the Petitioner/accused No.3 prays that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to quash the entire proceedings in Crime No.131/2023, S.C.No.62/2024 of Naragunda police station, Naragunda Town, Gadag District registered against the Petitioner for an alleged offence punishable under section 306, 504 read with section 34 of IPC now pending on the file of Principal District and Sessions Judge, Gadag, Gadag District, in the interest of justice and equity."

2. The brief case of the prosecution is that the deceased Mallappa was working under accused Nos.1 and 2 and the deceased had insisted accused Nos.1 and 2 to give money for the work done, but the accused have refused. When the deceased repeatedly insisted for payment, all the accused, having common intention, abused the deceased and told him to go and die and the deceased committed suicide by writing a

¹ Hereinafter referred to as the 'Cr.P.C.'

² Hereinafter referred to as the 'BNSS, 2023'



death note stating that the accused named therein are responsible for his death. Accordingly, a crime was registered for the offence stated above.

3. Heard the learned counsel Sri. M.R. Hiremathad appearing for the petitioner/accused No.3 and learned HCGP Sri. Dayanand Sangreshi appearing for respondent.1.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner/accused No.3 submitted that the petitioner/accused No.3 is not named in the complaint. Therefore, a false offence has been alleged against the petitioner in the charge sheet and the proceedings are liable to be quashed.

5. Upon considering the material on record, the name of the petitioner is not found in the complaint. However, during the course of investigation, evidence was collected by the Investigating Officer indicating that the petitioner had also abetted and instigated the deceased to commit suicide. The deceased had written a death note before committing suicide stating that all the accused including the petitioner, are responsible for his death. When the charge sheet material



discloses a prima facie case to proceed with the trial, no ground is made out to warrant interference to give effect to the provisions of the Code or to prevent abuse of process of the Court. Hence the petition is liable to be dismissed.

6. Accordingly the petition is ***dismissed***.

Sd/-
(HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR)
JUDGE

PMP /CT-AN
List No.: 2 Sl No.: 57