



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.SRISHANANDA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 100458 OF 2021 (482(CR.PC)/528(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

SRI. MALLESHAPPA
S/O YALLAPPA SABANNAVAR @ PIRANGIYAR
AGE ABOUT 54 YEARS, OCC. COOLIE,
R/O. KENDALAGERI, POST. HEREBAILU.
TQ. MUNDAGOD, DIST. UTTARA KANNADA.
PIN CODE. NO.581349.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. D.L. LADKHAN, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY SPP HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
THROUGH MUNDAGOD POLICE CIRCLE SIRSI.
2. ASHOK P.
AGE. 54 YEARS, OCC. POLICE OFFICER,
POLICE INSPECTOR, C.R. CELL, MANGALURU,
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE,
C.R.CELL REGIONAL MANGALURU,
3RD FLOOR, UURVASTORE, MANGALURU-575006.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. KIRTELATA R. PATIL, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. C. JAGADISH, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED U/S 482 OF CR.P.C.,
SEEKING TO CALL FOR RECORDS AND TO QUASH THE CHARGE
SHEET, FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO.2 REGISTERED IN SPL
CASE.NO.22/2019, FOR THE OFFNECES 198, 420 OF IPC AND 3(1) (Q)
OF SCHEDULED CASTE AND SCHEDULED TRIBES(PREVENTION OF





ATROCITIES) ACT 1989, NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE UTTARA KANNADA KARWAR W.R.T. PETITIONER.

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. D. L. Ladkhan, learned counsel for the petitioner, Smt. Kirtilata R. Patil, learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent No.1 and Sri. C. Jagadish, learned counsel for respondent No.2.

2. Petitioner filed this petition under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973¹, with the following prayer:

"WHEREFORE, the petitioner pray that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to:

i) Call for records, if necessary.

ii) Quash the charge sheet, filed by the respondent No.2, registered in Spl. Case No.22/2019, for the offences 198, 420 of IPC and 3(1)(q) of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

¹ For short, 'Cr.P.C.'



(Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 , now pending on the file of the District and Sessions Judge Uttara Kannada, Karwar, w.r.t. petitioner.

iii) Grant such other orders, which this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to pass, in the circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice."

3. Allegation against the petitioner is that he misused the caste certificate claiming himself to be Valmiki community though, petitioner does not belong to Valmiki community.

4. According to the material on record, by utilising such a certificate, he is the beneficiary of two plastic chairs.

5. Petitioner is now prepared to surrender the certificate obtained by him and his family members before the competent authority and submits that he would not claim any benefit based on the said certificate.

6. Taking note of the same, a case which is pending from the year 2019 needs to be quashed by exercising the inherent power vested in this Court under Section 482 of Cr.P.C.



7. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

- (i) The petition is ***allowed***.
- (ii) Pending proceedings in Spl. Case No.22/2019 against the petitioner stands ***quashed***.
- (iii) Petitioner shall surrender the certificate obtained by him within on or before ***15.03.2026***, and also file an affidavit that neither himself nor his family members would claim any benefit under the said caste certificate.

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