



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.104541 OF 2025
(482 OF CR.PC/528 OF BNSS)

BETWEEN:

SHASHIDHAR METI S/O. SHIVANAGOUDA,
AGE: 43 YEARS, OCC: PRESS REPORTER,
R/O.W.NO.21, NEAR BJP OFFICE, H.NO.95,
ATAL BIHARI VAJAPEYEE NAGAR, BALLARI-583103.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. RESHMA MADIWALAR, ADVOCATE.)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY SHO, GANDHINAGAR P.S.,
BALLARI, REPRESENTED BY S.P.P.,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
DHARWAD-580011.

2. K. BAJARAPPA S/O. LATE K. VEERANNA,
AGE: 48 YEARS, OCC: PRESS REPORTER,
R/O. BHAGATSINGH NAGAR,
TALUR ROAD, BALLARI-583103.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI DAYANAND SANGRESHI, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI Y. KOTRESHA ADVOCATE FOR R2.)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 528
OF BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023, PRAYING



TO QUASH THE ENTIRE CHARGE SHEET IN C.C.NO.1263/2025, ON THE FILE OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC COURT, BALLARI (CRIME NO.130/2024 ON THE FILE OF GANDHINAGAR P.S.) REGISTERED FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 351(2), 351(3) AND 352 OF BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, INSOFAR AS PETITIONER/SOLE ACCUSED IS CONCERNED IN THE ENDS 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

The petitioner/accused has preferred this petition under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to quash the entire charge sheet in C.C.No.1263/2025, on the file of the Principal Civil Judge and JMFC Court, Ballari, arising out of Crime No.130/2024 of Gandhinagar P.S., registered for the offences punishable under section 351(2), 351(3) and 352 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, insofar as petitioner/sole accused is concerned, by allowing this criminal petition.

2. It is the brief case of the prosecution that as per the complaint averments, the accused has suddenly called upon the complainant through mobile and abused in a filthy



language and threatened to his life and criminally intimidated. It is recorded in the mobile. Therefore, lodged a complaint and accordingly crime was registered for the offences as stated above.

3. Heard the arguments of Smt.Reshma Madiwalar, learned counsel for petitioner, Sri Dayanand Sangreshi, learned HCGP for the respondent No.1 State and Sri Y.Kotresha, learned counsel for respondent No.2 and perused the material available on record.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner/accused has submitted that the entire complaint averments are false and is abuse of process of Court. Therefore, prays to quash the proceedings.

5. Upon perusal of the complaint, there is averment in the complaint and FIR that the petitioner/accused has abused in filthy language and criminally intimidated and threatened the life of the complainant. In the charge sheet material there is a seizure of pen drive said to have



contained the abusive words recorded in the mobile. Also there are material of call details of mobile calls between the mobile phones of complainant and the accused. Whether such incident was happened or not is a question of trial.

6. Therefore, at this stage there cannot be ingredients proved to invoke section 482 of Cr.P.C. Further, the petitioner has failed to demonstrate what is abuse of process of Court and also failed to demonstrate securing ends of justice by allowing this petition. Therefore, there are no grounds for quashing the proceedings. Accordingly the petition is liable to be dismissed. Accordingly the criminal petition is dismissed.

7. In view of disposal of the petition, pending interlocutory applications, if any, stand disposed of as they do not survive for consideration.

Sd/-
(HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR)
JUDGE