



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD
DATED THIS THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.SRISHANANDA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 105070 OF 2025
(482(CR.PC)/528(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

VENKATESH ASHRITH
S/O. LATE NARASIMHACHAR ASHRIT,
AGE. 53 YEARS, OCC. GRADE-II TAHASILDR,
TALUKA OFFICE, HOSAPETE, PRESENTLY
R/AT HOSAPETE, VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT,
PERMANENT RESIDENT OF HOSAHALLI ROAD,
LVT COLONY, GANGAVATHI TQ., KOPPAL DIST-583227.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MAHESH WODEYAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA
THROUGH P.I.,
HOSAPETE LOKAYUKTA P.S.,
HOSAPETE, VIJAYANAGARA DISTRICT,
REP. BY SPL. S.P.P.
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
DHARWAD BENCH AT DHARWAD 580011.

2. K. ASHOK S/O. ARUDASWAMY
AGE. 35 YEARS, OCC. AGRICULTURE,
R/O. 5TH WARD, OPP. GRAMPANCHAYATH,
GADIGANUR VILLAGE, HOSAPETE TALUKA,
DIST. VIJAYANAGARA-583223.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. ANIL KALE, ADVOCATE FOR R1;
NOTICE SERVED TO R2)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 528 OF
BNSS, 2023 PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS CRIMINAL PETITION AND
QUASH THE REGISTRATION OF FIR BY THE LOKAYUKTHA POLICE
HOSAPETE CRIME NO. 4/2025 FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER
SECTION 7(A) OF THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT IN





PURSUANCE TO THE COMPLAINT, DATED 22.09.2025 FILED BY THE RESPONDENT NO-2 AND CONSEQUENTLY QUASH ALL CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS PENDING ON THE FILE OF III ADDL.DIST.AND SESSIONS AND SPL. JUDGE HOSAPETE IN LOKAYUKTA P/S. HOSAPETE CR.NO.4/2025, FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 7(a) OF THE PC ACT SO FAR AS PETITIONER IS CONCERNED IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

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

ORAL ORDER

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

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner has filed a memo seeking withdrawal. The memo reads as under:

MEMO

"Petitioner respectfully submits as under:

It is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may kindly be pleased to permit the petitioner to withdraw the above criminal petition with liberty to urge all contentions before the trial court and further craves leave of this Hon'ble Court to approach this Hon'ble court if need arises in the interest of justice and equity."

2. Placing the memo on record, the petition is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as prayed for.

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