

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2025  
(Arising out of SLP(Crl.) No.4392/2021)

R. SRIKANTH & ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

**ORDER**

1. Leave granted.
2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.
3. The appellant No.1, 'R. Srikanth' and the respondent No.2, 'Smt. Vaishnavi M.' have also joined the proceedings by virtual mode.
4. The Trial Court took cognizance of an offence punishable under Sections 498A, 504 and 506 read with Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 against the appellants.
5. The appellants challenged the said order and prayed for the quashing of the criminal proceedings by way of a criminal petition filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973. The High Court refused to quash the cognizance order, charge sheet dated 15.06.2018 and the criminal proceedings thereof.
6. The aforesaid order has been impugned here

in this appeal.

7. The submission of the learned counsel for the appellants is that the parties have amicably settled all their disputes and thus, in the facts and circumstances of the case, now the charge sheet be quashed and the criminal proceedings be closed.

8. Mr. Vinay Navare, learned senior counsel for the respondent(s) submits that though there is a settlement arrived at between the parties, the appellants have filed MFA No. 1227 of 2025 against the same.

9. The appellants *ex facie* have no locus to challenge a settlement which have been arrived into amicably between the parties except on the ground of fraud etc.

10. Since the parties have settled the disputes and the same has been recorded by the Family Court on 18.01.2025 and there is no allegation of fraud, misconception etc., we consider it proper to give quietus and peace to the matter. Accordingly, we consider it appropriate to exercise our jurisdiction under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and direct for the quashing of all the criminal proceedings pursuant to the FIR No.148 of 2018 and quash the charge sheet dated 15.06.2018.

11. We further direct for the closure of appeal

MFA No.1227 of 2025 reported to be pending before the High Court.

12. The present appeal is allowed in terms of the settlement referred to above.

13. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.  
[PANKAJ MITHAL]

.....J.  
[S.V.N. BHATTI]

NEW DELHI;  
MARCH 25, 2025.

ITEM NO.10

COURT NO.15

SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.) No. 4392/2021

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 15-01-2021 in CRLP No. 5970/2019 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

R. SRIKANTH &amp; ORS.

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA &amp; ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 70407/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.  
IA No. 183513/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES  
IA No. 175344/2024 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES  
IA No. 76766/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES  
IA No. 36155/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL  
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 25-03-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ MITHAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Harisha S.R., AOR  
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Ms. Ruhi Gupta, Adv.

For Respondent(s) Mr. Vinay Navare, Sr. Adv.  
Ms. Gwen Karthika, Adv.  
Mr. Saket Jee, Adv.  
Mr. Keshav Ranjan, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. The present appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order which is placed on the file.
3. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(SNEHA DAS)  
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(NIDHI MATHUR)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)