

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. OF 2026
(Arising out of SLP(C) No.10659/2026

SATHISH REDDY M.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

UMAPATHY SRINIVASA GOWDA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.
2. We have heard Shri Sajan Poovayya, learned Senior Counsel, on behalf of the appellant and Mr. Ankur S. Kulkarni, learned counsel, on behalf of respondent no.1
3. It is true that in terms of the previous order dated 15.12.2025 passed by this Court in SLP(C) Nos.36376-77/2025, the appellant is not entitled to file his own recrimination petition. Similarly, as he has not pleaded as such, the appellant cannot be permitted to lead evidence to that end. However, that fact in itself would not deprive the appellant of an opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses with respect to the claim of recrimination raised previously.
4. That being so, paragraph 19 of the impugned order dated 10.02.2026 passed by the High Court is modified to the extent that the appellant is permitted to cross-examine respondent no.1's witnesses in an attempt to make out his claim of recrimination. The impugned order stands modified

to the extent above.

5. The appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI;
APRIL 20, 2026

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(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).10659/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 10-02-2026 in EP No.17/2023 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

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VERSUS

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Respondent(s)

Date : 20-04-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

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

1. Leave granted.
2. The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.
3. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(signed order is placed on the file)