



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 46 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI CHINNI. R,
S/O RAMESH,
AGED ABOUT 25 YEARS,
R/A YARRANAGENAHALLI VILLAGE,
CHIKKABALLAPUR TALUK,
CHIKKABALLAPUR DISTRICT - 562 101.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI DEVENDRA N, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
CHIKKABALLAPUR
REPRESENTED BY:
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU 560 001.
2. SMT.LAKSHMIDEVAMMA,
W/O SHANTHARAJU,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
R/A GURUKULA NAGENAHALLI VILLAGE,

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Location: High
Court of
Karnataka





CHIKKABALLAPUR TALUK,
CHIKKABALLAPUR DISTRICT - 562 101.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. WAHEEDA M.M, HCGP FOR R-1;
SRI SRINATHA.B.V, ADVOCATE FOR R-2
[VAKALATH FILED K/B])

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNSS) TO QUASH THE FIR IN CRIME NO. 0022/2023 LATER REGISTERED AS SPL. SC NO. 22 /2023 ON THE FILE OF ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND FTSC -1 [POCSO], CHIKKABALLAPUR FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 376 (2) (n) OF IPC AND SECTION 5 (L), 5 (N), 5(J) (II) AND 6 OF PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENSES ACT, 2012 AT ANNEXURE-A.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR REPORTING SETTLEMENT, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA**

ORAL ORDER

Petitioner – accused is before this Court calling in question proceedings in Spl.S.C.No.22/2023, pending on the file of the Additional District and Sessions Judge and FTSC – 1 (POCSO), Chikkaballapura, for the offences under Sections 376(2)(n) of the IPC and Sections 5(l), 5(n), 5(j)(ii) and 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.



2. Heard Sri Devendra N., learned counsel for the petitioner, Smt. Waheeda M.M., learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent No.1 and Sri Srinatha B.V., learned counsel for respondent No.2.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner and respondent No.2 in unison would submit that the parties to the *lis* have settled the dispute and seek permission to compound the afore-quoted offences, on the score that the petitioner and the victim have married each other and also a child is born from their wedlock. They have filed separate affidavits of the parties before this Court to that effect.

4. The settlement between the parties cannot spring, in the case at hand, for the unique reason that the victim is 15 years and 6 months, at the relevant point in time. Therefore, there cannot be any closure of the proceedings on account of a settlement being drawn between the parties.

5. Therefore, the only order that could be passed is that, the concerned Court shall endeavour to conclude the proceedings in Spl.S.C.No.22/2023, with an outer limit of eight



weeks onths from the date of receipt of a copy of the order, if not earlier.

6. With the aforesaid direction, the criminal petition stands disposed.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
(M.NAGAPRASANNA)
JUDGE

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