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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION NO.668 OF 2024

Ranjana Adesh Yadav & Ors. .. Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. .. Respondents

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Ms.Christina Fernandes i/b Ms.Vrushali Maindad for the
Petitioner.

Mr.Yogesh Nakhwa, Addl.P.P. for the State/Respondent.

Ms.Suvarna Yadav for the Respondent No.2, Appointed

**CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &
SHYAM C. CHANDAK, JJ.**

DATE : 24th NOVEMBER, 2025

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P.C:-

1. The Petition filed by the in-laws of Respondent No.2 seeks quashing of F.I.R. and resultantly, the charge-sheet filed against them under Sections 498-A, 406, 504 and 506 read with Section 34 of IPC.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner, learned Addl.P.P and also the learned counsel for the Respondent No.2-Complainant.

With the able assistance of the counsel for the respective parties, we have perused the charge-sheet in form of R.C.C. No.3903 of 2023 filed against the husband, mother-in-law, father-in-law and sister-in-law of the Complainant, as the

Complainant has alleged that upon the marriage being solemnized in the year 2019, she was subjected to constant harassment by her husband, her mother-in-law and father-in-law alongwith her sister-in-law, as they demanded an amount of Rs.30,00,000/- for purchase of a plot and when this demand was not satisfied, she was subjected to physical and emotional harassment. Similarly, she was also compelled to perform abortion, which also caused her tremendous mental trauma.

3. On perusal of the material compiled in the charge-sheet, including the statement of the Complainant, it is evident that she has narrated various incidents of harassment, all flowing from the demand of dowry, despite the fact that at the time of marriage, her father had gifted her with various gold and silver articles, but immediately after marriage, her mother-in-law made a phone call to her father and also forwarded a message, staking a demand of Rs.30,00,000/- and when her father objected to the same, by stating that if they had raised a demand before her marriage, he would have got her daughter married to somebody else, she was subjected to cruelty.

Thereafter, she was subjected to harassment both, physically and mentally on this pretext and the details of the same are narrated in the complaint, which resulted in registration of an F.I.R. However, the Complainant categorically stated that as she wanted to save her marriage, she continued to bear the cruel treatment offered to her, but, since, she could not take it further and the behaviour of her in-laws posed threat to her, she approached the police station.

4. On perusal of the material in the charge-sheet, since we found that the material is sufficient enough to take the accused persons for trial of the charge levelled in the charge-sheet, we are not inclined to show any indulgence, as *prima facie*, the material collected by the prosecution attract the offences, with which they are charged.

In the wake of the above, since we are not inclined to entertain the Petition, the same is dismissed.

No order as to costs.

5. We appreciate the sincere efforts taken by Advocate Suvarna Yadav in espousing the cause of the Complainant in an efficacious manner and direct the High Court Legal Services Authority, Mumbai to pay the amount due to the Appointed Advocate, as per rules, within four weeks from today.

(SHYAM C. CHANDAK, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)