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CRL.P No. 2764 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010127692026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 2764 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. MR KISHAN PRABHAKAR,
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS,
SON OF MR. PRABHAKAR PARAMESWARAN,
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT FLAT NO. 1003,
AIPS 13TH BLOCK,
HERITAGE ESTATE APARTMENTS,
YELANANKA, BANGALORE - 550 064
EMAIL kishanrms01@gmail.com
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2. MRS. SUDHA PRABHAKAR,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS,
WIFE OF MR. PRABHAKAR PARARNESWARAN,
FLAT NO. 1003,
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT HERITAGE ESTATE
APARTMENTS, YELAHANKA,
ALPS 13TH BLOCK, BANGALORE - 560 064
EMAIL sudhaprabhakar352@gmail.com
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...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI AZHAR MEER,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
NORTH EAST WOMEN POLICE STATION,
REP. BY H.C.G.P, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

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2. MRS. SHIKHA N. SINGH,
D/O NAGADEVA SINGH,
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
NO. 34, 2ND CROSS, SURYODAYA LAYOUT,
DR. SHIVARAMA KARANTH NAGAR,
BANGALORE - 560 077.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP FOR R1,
SRI DHRUVA K, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNSS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO QUASH THE FIR BEARING NO. 0093/2025, REGISTERED ON 29/12/2025 BY THE NORTH EAST WOMEN POLICE STATION, BENGALURU CITY, BANGALORE, PENDING BEFORE HONBLE XXXXIS ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, NRUPATHUNGA ROAD, BANGALORE, FOR OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 85 AND 352 READ WITH SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF THE DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT, 1961, PRODUCED AT ANNEXURE - A.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

Petition is filed seeking permission to quash the FIR in Crime No.93/2025 registered on 29.12.2025 by North East Women Police Station, Bengaluru.

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2. The offences alleged are under Section 85 and Section 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 3 and 4, the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

3. It is submitted that during the pendency of the proceeding, the charge sheet is filed in C.C.No.49294/2026 and the matter is pending before XLI Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bengaluru.

4. The petitioners are present. The second respondent/defacto complainant is present.

5. An application is filed invoking Section 359 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, seeking permission of the Court to compound the offences. The application is supported by the affidavit of the second respondent.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioners has also filed a memo along with the documents of the proceedings in M.C.No.5245/2026 pending before the II Additional Family Court at Bengaluru.

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7. Same is taken on record.

8. On going through the contents of the joint application, it is noticed that the matrimonial relationship between the parties is settled and the decree in M.C. No. 5245/2026 is also produced. It is noticed that the decree in the aforementioned matrimonial proceeding is passed pursuant to the settlement recorded under Section 89 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

9. After going through the contents of the application as well as the materials placed on record, this Court does not find any justification to direct the trial given the fact that the matrimonial relationship is dissolved through a decree for divorce.

10. Hence, the application is allowed.

11. The petition is ***allowed***.

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12. The proceeding in Crime No.93/2025 registered on 29.12.2025 by North East Women Police Station, Bengaluru are quashed.

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JUDGE

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