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CRL.P No. 6848 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010328772026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 6848 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MRS SHRENE THOMAS,
AGED ABOUT 61 YEARS,
W/O SANJAY JOHN THOMAS PRINCIPAL
REDBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL,
114, S BINGIPURA VILLAGE, HULIMANGALA POST,
BEGUR - KOPPA RD, BENGALURU,
KARNATAKA 560105
ALSO AT
R.AT NO. B-102, VICTORIAN HEAVEN,
NO. 139/27, PATE RAMA REDDY ROAD,
DOMLUR, BENGALURU - 560 071.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI S RAJ PRABHU, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   REPRESENTED BY BANNERGHATTA POLICE STATION,
   BENNERUGHATTA, BENGALURU RURAL
   REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   HIGH COURT BUILDING, BENGALURU - 560001.

2. MR.ZAMEER AHAMAD BAGALKOT,
   S/O BASHEER AHAMAD BAGALKOT
   AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS,
   R/AT NO 25, MUSTAFA COLONY,
   VIJAYAPURA, KARNATAKA 586101.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP FOR R1,
SRI PRAKASH JADHAV, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

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THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNNS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO QUASH THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE PETITIONER WHO IS ARRAYED AS 2ND ACCUSED IN SPECIAL CASE NO.901/2025 ARISING OUT OF CRIME NO.256/2025 REGISTERED BY BANNERGHATTA POLICE STATION FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES U/S 49, 115(2), 118(1), 189(2), 352, 351(2), 351(3), 190 OF BNS ACT SECTIONS 8, 12, 17 AND 21 OF POCSO ACT AND SECTION 75 OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ACT PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE FAST TRACK SESSION COURT-1 BENGALURU RURAL.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/accused No.2 and the learned counsel appearing for the respondent No.2/de-facto complainant and the learned High Court Government Pleader for the first respondent-State.

2. The petition is filed to quash the proceedings in Special Case No.901/2025 arising from Crime No.256/2025 registered by Bannerghatta Police for the alleged offence under Section 49, 115(2), 118(1), 189(2), 352, 351(2), 351(3), 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('BNS') and Sections 8, 12, 17 and 21 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act,

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2012 ('POCSO') and also under Section 75 of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2000 pending before the Fast Track Session Court-1, Bengaluru Rural.

3. The learned counsel Sri Prakash Jadhav has filed vakalath on behalf of respondent No.2 and the same is taken on record.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondent No.2 have submitted that the dispute is amicably settled and have filed a joint application and also affidavit of Respondent No. 2 to compound the offences and to quash the proceedings.

5. The application is signed by the petitioner and the second respondent and also the counsel for the petitioner and the second respondent.

6. The Court has perused the contents of the said application. The de-facto complainant/the father of the victim is present before the Court. The victim is also present before the Court.

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7. It is stated that the victim is in 11th standard and preparing for the forthcoming final examinations. It is submitted that the pendency of the case is causing considerable mental stress and disturbance to the victim and adversely affecting his academic performance.

8. It is further submitted that he may not be in a position to concentrate and focus on the studies as the matter is kept pending.

9. The second respondent further submits that he has no intention to prosecute the matter further, so also his father who is present before the Court.

10. After going through the contents of the complaint, the charge sheet materials, the Court is of the view that the application has to be allowed and the proceedings have to be quashed, more so, keeping in mind the interest of the victim who does not wish revisit the incidents that have allegedly taken place which he has to in the event of trial, the application is allowed.

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11. The Court has also taken note of the submission that the victim has now shifted to a different school in a different State i.e., Maharastra.

12. Hence, the following:

ORDER

(i) Petition is ***allowed***.

(ii) The proceedings in Special Case No.901/2025 pending before the Fast Track Session Court-1, Bengaluru Rural are quashed.

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JUDGE

CHS/List No.: 2 Sl No.: 11