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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. NATARAJ

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 8411 OF 2021 (482(Cr.PC) / 528(BNSS))
C/W
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 8284 OF 2021

IN CRL.P No. 8411/2021

BETWEEN:

1. SHRI CHOWDA REDDY
   S/O LATE JAYANNA
   AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
   DODDAGAJANURU VILLAGE
   CHINTAMANI TALUK
   CHIKKABALLAPUR
   KARNATAKA -563125

2. SMT. VARALAKSHMI
   W/O CHOWDAREDDY
   AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
   DODDAGAJANURU VILLAGE
   CHINTAMANI TALUK
   CHIKKABALLAPUR
   KARNATAKA-563125

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. KARIAPPA N.A., ADVOCATE)

Digitally signed by HEMALATHA J
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   BY CHINTAMANI POLICE STATION
   REPRESENTED BY
   SPECIAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
   HIGH COURT BUILDING
   BANGALORE-560 001

2. SMT. AKSHITHA G.
W/O PRAKASH J.
AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS,
RESIDING AT 12TH CROSS
RAMAKRISHNA BADAVANE
SRINIVASAPURA TOWN
KOLAR-563135

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. M.R.PATIL, HIGH COURT GOVERNMENT PLEADER FOR RESPONDENT NO.1;

SRI. M.K.BOPAIAH, ADVOCATE FOR RESPONDENT NO.2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, 1973 PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 13.07.2020 PASSED BY THE LEARNED ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C., CHINTAMANI, AT CHIKKABALLAPURA IN C.C.NO.434/2020 FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 323, 342, 498A, 504, 506 R/W 34 OF IPC AND SECTION 3 AND 4 OF DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT AND CONSEQUENTLY QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS PENDING THEREON.

IN CRL.P NO. 8284/2021

BETWEEN:

SHRI PRAKASH J.
S/O LATE JAYANNA
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,
TOWN CHINTAMANI,
DODAGAJANUR,
CHNTAMANI, CHIKKABALLAPUR,
KARNATAKA-563125

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. KARIAPPA N.A., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY CHINTAMANI POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY

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THESE PETITIONS, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE R. NATARAJ

ORAL ORDER

The petitioners in these petitions have challenged the prosecution launched against them in C.C.No.434/2020 pending trial before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 342, 498A, 504, 506 read with Section 34 of IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. When these petitions are listed for admission, a memo is filed by the learned counsel for the petitioners enclosing therewith an order dated 07.03.2026 passed by the II Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC, Kolar, in M.C.No.42/2025. In terms of the said order, a petition filed under Section 13B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, was allowed and the marriage between the respondent No.2 and her husband, who is the petitioner in Crl.P.No.8284/2021 was dissolved.

3. The memo is taken on record.

4. Since the respondent No.2 and her husband, who is the petitioner in Crl.P.No.8284/2021 have settled their material

dispute, the continuation of the criminal proceedings against the petitioners is unwarranted.

5. Consequently, these petitions are ***allowed***. The impugned prosecution of the petitioners in C.C.No.434/2020 pending trial before the Additional Civil Judge and JMFC, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura, for the offences punishable under Sections 323, 342, 498A, 504, 506 read with Section 34 of IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, is quashed.

Sd/-
(R. NATARAJ)
JUDGE

PMR
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