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CRL.P No. 11861 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 11900 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 11861 OF 2026

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 11900 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 11861/2026

BETWEEN:

1. SREERAMULU.S
   S/O SUBRAMANYAM,
   AGED ABOUT 65 YEARS,
   RESIDING AT NO.28, 5TH MAIN,
   10TH CROSS, KRISHNAPPA BLOCK,
   GANGANAGARA, R.T.NAGARA,
   BENGALURU -560 032.

2. BHAGYA
   W/O SREERAMULU.S,
   AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,
   RESIDING AT NO.28, 5TH MAIN,
   10TH CROSS, KRISHNAPPA BLOCK,
   GANGANAGARA, R.T.NAGARA,
   BENGALURU -560 032.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI SRINIVAS M,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   BY NORTH WOMENS POLICE SATION,
   BENGALURU, REPRESENTED BY
   STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   HIGH COURT BUILDING,

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BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. SMT. LIKITHA,
W/O ARUN KUMAR.S,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.64/67,
SAI GAYATRI NILAYAM,
VIJAYALAKSHMI COLONY,
KADUGODI, BENGALURU 560067.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP FOR R1,
SRI SIDDHU T S, ADV. 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 ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN C.C.NO.38079/2026 OF NORTH WOMENS POLICE STATION FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 115(2), 85, 352 R/W 3(5) OF BNS AND SEC. 4 OF DP ACT, NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE XXXIII ADDL. CJM, BENGALURU.

IN CRL.P NO. 11900/2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. ARUN KUMAR.S
S/O SREERAMULU
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS.
R/A NO.21, PAND T COLONY,
1ST CROSS, NEAR ADISHWER, RT NAGAR,
BENGALURU-560032.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SRINIVAS M,ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY NORTH WOMEN POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU,
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,

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REPRESENTED BY HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
BENGALURU-560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP)

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 ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN CRIME NO.39/2026 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE 32 ADDL.CJM AT BENGALURU IN C.C.NO.38079/2026 FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 85, 115(2),352 R/W 3(5) OF BNS AND U/S 4 OF DP ACT.

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 No.11861/2026 is filed by accused No.2 and 3 to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.38079/2026 in Crime No.39/2026 registered by North Woman Police Station, Bengaluru for the offences under Sections 115(2), 85, 352, read with Section 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. The matter is pending before the XXXII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

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3. Criminal Petition No.1190/2026 is filed by accused No.1 for the same relief.

4. Accused No.1 is the husband and accused No.2 and 3 are the in-laws of respondent No.2.

5. Applications are filed in both the cases seeking permission of the Court to compound the offence and to quash the proceedings. The applications are supported by the affidavits.

6. The Court has gone through the contents of the applications. It is stated that the marital relationship between petitioner No.1-husband and respondent No.2-complainant - wife is dissolved in terms of decree in M.C.No.3489/2026.

7. Respondent No.2 who is present before the Court submits that alimony is also settled. Since the marital relationship is dissolved through the decree passed by the competent Court, this Court does not deem it appropriate to direct trial against the petitioners as the charge sheet is filed in respect of the matrimonial disputes. The decree passed by the

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Trial Court for dissolution of marriage is pursuant to the settlement .

8. Hence, the following:

ORDER

(i) Both the Criminal Petitions and applications are ***allowed***.

(ii) The proceedings in C.C.No.38079/2026 in Crime No.39/2026 registered by North Woman Police Station, Bengaluru pending before the XXXII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru are quashed.

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JUDGE

GVP
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