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CRL.P No. 13514 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010599792026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 13514 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

FATHIMA RIYANA
D/O ABDUL MAZEED, AGED ABOUT 18 YEARS,
R/AT PERIMARU HOUSE, MARIPALLA,
PUDU VILLAGE, BANTWALA TALUK,
DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT,
KARNATAKA -575020.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI ABDUL ANSAR P,ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY BANTWALA RURAL POLICE STATION,
DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT,
REPRESENTED BY
THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS,
BENGALURU - 560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.P.C (U/S 528 BNSS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO ALLOW THIS CRL.P AND QUASH THE FIR IN CR.NO.69/2025 DTD 13.06.2025 REGISTERED BY BANTWALA RURAL P.S., D.K. DISTRICT, FOR THEOFFENCE P/U/S 66(C) OF I.T ACT, 2000, U/S 11 AND 12 OF POCSO ACT, 2012, U/S 79 OF BNS, 2023, PENDING BEFORE THE JURISDICTIONAL COURT.

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THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ADMISSION, 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 and the learned HCGP for the respondent..

2. This petition is filed by the petitioner/complainant to quash the FIR in Crime No.69/2025 registered on 13.06.2025 by the Bantwala Rural Police for the offence under Section 66(C) of Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 11 and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 and Section 79 of The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the complaint is lodged by the petitioner on 13.06.2025 alleging that, some person having Instagram account "arshu_ZX_32" has circulated certain photographs

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of the petitioner and her mother and has circulated a defamatory message.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is engaged to a person by name Amir Hassan Hussain who is also named in the complaint and the further investigation and trial may jeopardize the marriage prospects.

5. It is the further submission that in case the charge sheet is filed and the petitioner is directed to prosecute the matter, the petitioner and family members may face humiliating situations.

6. It is the further submission that the members of the family of her would also face humiliating situations. Thus, the petitioner contends that she doesn't intend to prosecute the matter.

7. Learned HCGP would submit that the charge sheet is not yet filed.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that all the photographs reported in the complaint have

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been deleted from the Instagram account and after the complaint, no such photographs have been circulated.

9. Considering the peculiar facts of the case, the Court is of the view that the further investigation and the trial may put the petitioner and her family members and other relations in an embarrassing situation. Since it is submitted all objectionable messages has been deleted the following order is required.

10. Hence the following:

ORDER

(i) The petition is ***allowed.***

(ii) The First Information Report in Crime No.69/2025 registered on 13.06.2025 by the Bantwala Rural Police is quashed.

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JUDGE

BRN/List No.: 1 Sl No.: 53