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CRL.P No. 13666 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010607462026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.13666 OF 2026
[482(Cr.P.C) / 528(BNSS)]

BETWEEN:

SMT. DEVIKA
W/O THAPASESHWARA,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
OCCUPATION: HOME MAKER,
RESIDING AT: NO.292, 8TH MAIN,
CANARA BANK COLONY, NAGARABHAVI,
BENGALURU - 560 072.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHUBHANKAR C., ADVOCATE, FOR SRI RAGHAVENDRA H.S.)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY WEST DIVISION WOMEN POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU,
REPRESENTED BY S.P.P.,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BENGALURU.

2. SMT. JHANSI BHUSHAN N.
W/O SRI MANJU T.,
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS,
RESIDING AT: NO.100, 2ND MAIN ROAD,
15TH CROSS, MARUTHINAGARA,
YALAHANKA OLD TOWN,
BENGALURU - 560 064.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI M.V. ANOOP KUMAR, ADDITIONAL STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR)

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THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 528 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023, PRAYING TO QUASH THE CHARGE-SHEET FILED BY WOMEN POLICE STATION (WEST WOMEN POLICE STATION, DCP WEST DIVISION), AND QUASH PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASE NO.1670 OF 2025, PENDING ON THE FILE OF XXIV ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDGICIAL MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU, BY ALLOWING THIS CRIMINAL PETITION.

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS 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 for the petitioner and the learned Additional State Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1-State.

2. This petition is filed to quash the charge-sheet in Criminal Case No.1670/2025 on the file of XXIV Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is the mother-in-law of the second respondent and the second respondent left the company of her husband in the year 2024 and the complaint is filed on 07.10.2024.

4. It is the submission that marriage took place on 23.04.2023 and the matrimonial dispute between the husband

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and the wife is given colour of a criminal case making allegations against the mother-in-law as well.

5. Learned Additional State Public Prosecutor would submit that in the complaint, there are allegations against the mother-in-law as well as the husband and the allegation is that the complainant was ill-treated by the petitioner, the husband and other family members and also insisted for dowry.

6. It is also stated in the complaint that physical assaults have been made and the complainant has suffered injury.

7. After considering the charge-sheet material and the allegations in the complaint, this Court is of the view that the petition cannot be allowed and the proceedings cannot be quashed, at this stage.

8. The disputed questions of facts raised by the petitioner require trial. Hence, the petition is ***dismissed***.

9. It is made clear that observations made in this order are only confined to the merits of this petition and not on

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the merits of the defence to be raised by the petitioners. All contentions are kept open.

In view of the dismissal of the petition, pending interlocutory applications, if any, shall stand dismissed.

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(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

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