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CRL.P No. 13769 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010609652026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 13769 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. MR. ABHISHEK GHAI,
   S/O. SUDHIR GHAI,
   AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS,

2. MRS.RENU GHAI,
   W/O. SUDHIR GHAI,
   AGED ABOUT 67 YEARS

3. MR.SUDHIR GHAI,
   S/O VED PRAKASH GHAI,
   AGED ABOUT 68 YEARS

   ALL ARE RESIDING AT
   NO-1024, SECTOR-08-C, CHANDIGARH,
   CHANDIGARH-160 009.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SMT NETHRAVATHI K, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI BHARATH KUMAR VINDHYALA.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
   EAST ZONE WOMEN POLICE STATION,
   (SHIVAJINAGAR WOMEN POLICE STATION),
   BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. MRS. JYOTI DUGGAL
   W/O ABHISHEK GHAI
   AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS

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R/AT FLAT NO. G103,
CONCORDE MANHATTAN,
ELECTRONIC CITY PHASE 01,
NEELADHIRI ROAD,
BENGALURU - 560 100.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI M V ANOOP KUMAR, ADDL.SPP FOR R1,
SRI S SAMARTHA, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

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 CC NO.20899/2022 ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE XI ADDL.CJM MAYO HALL BENGALURU CITY FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 498A, 504, 323, 506 OF IPC R/W SECTION 3 AND 4 OF DP ACT REGISTERED BY EAST ZONE WOMEN POLICE STATION AGAINST THE PETITIONERS.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, 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 petitioners and the learned counsel appearing for the second respondent.

2. This petition is filed to quash the proceedings in C.C. No.20899/2022 arising from Crime No.58/2022. The matter is pending before the XI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mayor Hall, Bengaluru.

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3. The offences alleged under Sections 498A, 504, 323, 506 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 ('IPC') and Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners and the second respondent jointly submit that the dispute is settled between the parties. The petitioner no.1 is the husband of second respondent/complainant. Petitioners no.2 and 3 are the in-laws of the second respondent/complainant and parents of the petitioner no.1.

5. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioners and the second respondent is that the marital dispute between the petitioner no.1 and the second respondent is resolved and parties have reconciled and are living together. The terms of the settlement are recorded in G&W.C. No.10/2022 on the file of First Additional Senior Civil Judge, Bengaluru Rural.

6. In the said settlement, it is agreed that the complainant/wife has to withdraw the complaint against the petitioners.

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7. Considering the terms of the settlement, the Court is of the view that the prosecution does not serve any purpose. On the other hand, if the trial is held, it may jeopardise the relationship between the petitioners and the respondent no.2.

8. Hence, the following:

ORDER

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

(ii) The proceedings in C.C. No.20899/2022 (arising from Crime No.58/2022) pending before the XI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Mayor Hall, Bengaluru are quashed.

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(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

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