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NC: 2026:KHC:61696
CRL.P No. 16193 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010715852026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16193 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. INSTAKART SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED,
A COMPANY INCORPORATED
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013
1ST FLOOR, BLOCK-A, BUILDINGS ALYSSA,
BEGONIA AND CLOVER, EMBASSY TECH VILLAGE,
OUTER RING ROAD, DEVARABEESANAHALLI
VILLAGE, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA,
INDIA - 560103,
REP. BY ITS BRANCH MANAGER.

2. HEMANTH GUNDU PANTH BADRI,
S/O. GUNDOPANT BADRI,
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS,
DIRECTOR, INSTAKART SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
1ST FLOOR, BLOCK-A, BUILDINGS ALYSSA,
BEGONIA AND CLOVER, EMBASSY TECH VILLAGE,
OUTER RING ROAD, DEVARABEESANAHALLI
VILLAGE, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA,
INDIA - 560103.

3. KOLLA PRABHAKAR,
S/O. HANUMANTHA RAO,
AGED 60 YEARS, DIRECTOR,
INSTAKART SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
1ST FLOOR, BLOCK-A, BUILDINGS ALYSSA,
BEGONIA AND CLOVER, EMBASSY TECH VILLAGE,
OUTER RING ROAD, DEVARABEESANAHALLI
VILLAGE, BENGALURU, KARNATAKA,
INDIA - 560103.

...PETITIONERS

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RAMNATH HEGDE

(BY SRI SANDESH J CHOUTA, SENIOR ADVOCATE FOR
SRI MAITREYI B KANNUR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
GOVT OF KARNATAKA LABOUR DEPARTMENT,
THE SENIOR LABOUR INSPECTOR SOMAVARPET,
CIRCLE, KODAGU - 571234.

2. SRI. SHASHIDHAR S,
GOVT OF KARNATAKA LABOUR DEPARTMENT
THE SENIOR LABOUR INSPECTOR,
SOMAVARPET CIRCLE - 571234,
KODAGU, REP. BY STATE PP,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BENGALURU-01.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP FOR R1)

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 a) QUASH THE IMPUGNED ORDER TAKING COGNIZANCE DTD 02.02.026 PASSED BY THE LEARNED CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, KUSHALNAGARA, KODAGU IN PCR.NO.401/2025 AND SUBSEQUENTLY REGISTERED AS CC.NO.460/2026 AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

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ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned Senior counsel for the petitioners.

2. Learned High Court Government Pleader accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

3. The impugned order taking cognizance without following the procedure contemplated in Bharatiya Nagarika Saraksha Sanhita, 2023 can be assailed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court.

4. Under the circumstance, reserving liberty to the petitioners to approach the jurisdictional Sessions Court, the Criminal Petition is ***disposed of.***

5. Registry to return the documents to the petitioners after retaining the xerox copy.

6. The time spent in prosecuting this petition from 13.10.2026 till date has to be excluded in computing the limitation.

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7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed anything on the merits of the matter. All contentions are kept open.

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(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

GVP
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 60