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NC: 2026:KHC:61296
CRL.P No. 16124 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010723782026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16124 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. DR MARIE BERNARD AROCKIARAJ C
AGED 37 YEARS
SON OF MARIE CHRISTIAN JACQUES,
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 18, 20TH CROSS,
KRISHNA NAGAR WEST, LAWSPET,
PUDUCHERRY - 605 008.

2. RATNA MARY CHRISTIAN,
AGED ABOUT 62 YEARS
WIFE OF MARIE CHRISTIAN JACQUES,
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT 18, 20TH CROSS,
KRISHNA NAGAR WEST, LAWSPET,
PUDUCHERRY - 605 008.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI/SMT KOMAL KUMARI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY RAJAJINAGAR POLICE STATION,
RAJAJINAGAR NAGAR BANGALORE- 560 010
THROUGH ITS STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

2. MARILYN JENNIEFER CLIFFORD,
AGED 36 YEARS,
DAUGHTER OF BENEDICT CLIFFORD,
AND WIFE OF DR. MARIE BERNARD AROCKIARAJ C.,
PRESENTLY RESIDING AT NO. 161/B,
(GROUND FLOOR), IVTH BLOCK, VTH MAIN,
RAJAJINAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 010.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S,HCGP FOR R1,
SRI L.P.E REGO AND ARJUN REGO,ADVOCATE FOR R2

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(VK FILED IN COURT K/B)

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 CHARGESHEET DATED 17.09.2021 FILED IN C.C.NO.24803/2021 BEFORE THE HON'BLE XXXII ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU CITY FOR OFFENCES UNDER SECTION 498(A), 34 OF THE IPC, 1860 R/W/ SECTION 3 AND 4 OF THE DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT, 1961 AS PER ANNEXURE-A.

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 petitioners and the learned counsel for the second respondent.

2. The vakalat filed by the counsel for the respondent no.2 is also taken on record.

3. The second respondent is the complainant. The petition is filed to quash the charge sheet in C.C. No.24803/2021 before the XXXII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru.

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4. The offences alleged are under Section 498A and 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 read with Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners and the second respondent have filed a joint memo reporting settlement and seek the permission of the Court to compound the offence and consequently, have prayed to quash the charge sheet and the proceedings.

6. The parties have also filed affidavit incorporating the terms and conditions of the settlement.

7. It is stated that the marital relationship between the petitioner no.1 and the second respondent is dissolved in terms of the decree for dissolution of marriage in M.C. No.262/2021 passed by the III Additional Principal Family Court, Bengaluru in terms of the decree dated 07.08.2025 in the aforementioned proceedings.

8. It is also stated that second respondent/ complainant had agreed to receive Rs.15,00,000/- as permanent alimony and Rs.4,00,000/- was already paid to the

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complainant and Rs.11,00,000/- is paid today vide demand draft bearing No.217343 dated 19.08.2026 drawn on State Bank of India, Jipmer Branch Pondicherry.

9. The second respondent/complainant acknowledges the receipt of the demand draft for Rs.11,00,000/-.

10. Considering the materials on record and considering the contents of the joint application and the joint affidavit, the Court is of the view that there is no justification in directing the trial as the relationship between petitioner no.1 and the second respondent is dissolved in terms of the decree for dissolution of marriage. Hence, the joint memo is accepted.

11. Hence, the following:

ORDER

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

(ii) The proceedings in C.C. No.24803/2021 pending before the XXXII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru are quashed.

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(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

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