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CRL.P No. 17264 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010786602026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 17264 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. PRADEEPA @T. PRADEEPA,
SON OF SRI POOJARI THIPPESWAMY,
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
RESIDING AT AMMANAHATTI VILLAGE,
KURUBARAHALLY, HIRIYUR TALUK,
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577599.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI VENKATESH S ARBATTI,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   REPRESENTED THROUGH
   SRIRAMAPURA POLICE STATION,
   CHITADURGA CITY,
   REPRESENTED BY ITS
   STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
   BANGALORE-560001.

2. SMT KAVERAMMA,
   WIFE OF LATE SRI NAGARAJ,
   AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS,
   RESIDING AT AGASARAHALLI VILLAGE,
   HOSADURGA TALUK,
   CHITRADURGA DISTRICT-577533.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI NAGHARISH G S, HCGP FOR R1,
SRI CHETHAN C, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

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THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 482 CR.PC (FILED U/S 528 BNSS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO QUASH THE COMPLAINT DATED 14.09.2026 (ANNEXURE-A) AND FIR IN CRIME NO. 184/2026 DATED 14.09.2026 FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 64(2)(m) OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023 (BNS 2023), SECTIONS 4,6 OF PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL OFFENCES ACT (POCSO 2012) AND SECTION 9 OF PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE ACT 2006 (2006) PENDING BEFORE THE LEARNED 2ND ADDITIONAL SESSIONS COURT, CHITRADURGA.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

Learned counsel for the petitioner is present. Respondent No.2/defacto complainant is present. The Learned HCGP is present.

2. The present petition is filed to quash the complaint dated 14.09.2026 and FIR in Crime No. 184/2026 registered before Srirampura Police Station, Hiriyur Sub-Division, Chitradurga District for the offences punishable under Section 64(2)(m) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 4 and 6 of Protection of

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Children from Sexual Offences Act and Section 9 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

3. The learned counsel for the second respondent has filed vakalath and same is taken on record.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel for the second respondent jointly submit that the dispute between the parties is amicably settled. The second respondent/victim and the mother of the victim are also present. The affidavit is filed by the victim. In her affidavit she has stated that she has married the petitioner/accused. It is also stated that the victim has given birth to a child on 10.09.2026.

5. The Court has made enquiry with the parties who are present before the Court. The mother of the victim submits that her daughter is married to the petitioner. The victim also submits that she is married to the petitioner. The child is also before this Court.

6. The Court is of the view that in case the trial is ordered, it will disrupt the marital relations between the

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petitioner/accused No.1 and the second respondent/ victim and it will also be not in the interest of the minor child.

7. Under the circumstances, the petition is ***allowed***.

8. The proceeding in complaint dated 14.09.2026 and FIR in Crime No. 184/2026 registered before Srirampura Police Station, Hiriyur Sub-Division, Chitradurga District is quashed.

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JUDGE

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