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NC: 2026:KHC-D:8142
CRL.P No. 101263 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 22ND DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.101263 OF 2026

(482(Cr.PC)/528(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

CHANDRAGOUDA S/O. SHANKARGOUDA VENKANAGOUDRA,
AGE. 42 YEARS, OCC. EMPLOYEE,
R/O. PATRESHWARA ONI, KAMALAPUR,
TQ. AND DIST. DHARWAD, PIN CODE-580007.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SANKET SHANKRAPPA AMBALI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   THROUGH HUBLI-DHARWAD CITY WOMEN P.S.,
   R/BY SPP, DHARWAD, PIN CODE-580011.

2. KALAVATI W/O. CHANDRAGOUDA VENKANAGOUDRA,
   AGE. 38 YEARS, OCC. HOUSEHOLD,
   R/O. PATRESHWARA NAGAR ONI, KAMALAPUR,
   NOW AT DASANKOPA, YADWAD ROAD,
   DHARWAD, TQ. AND DIST. DHARWAD,
   PIN CODE-580007.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. GIRIJA S.HIREMATH, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI. SYED NAZEER AHAMED QUADRI, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF CR.P.C. (UNDER SECTION 528 OF BNSS, 2023) PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS CRIMINAL PETITION AND QUASH THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE PETITIONER (ACCUSED) IN C.C.NO.24/2026 (CRIME NO.65/2025 HD CITY WOMEN P.S.) PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE LD. II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC-II DHARWAD, FOR OFFENSES P/U/SEC. 85, 115(2) AND 352 OF THE BNS 2023 AND ETC.,.

Digitally signed by CHANDRASHEKAR LAXMAN KATTIMANI
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA DHARWAD BENCH DHARWAD

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 and learned counsel appearing for respondent No.2 are present. Learned HCGP accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

2. The petition is filed by the petitioner/sole accused in C.C.No.24/2026 originating from Crime No.65/25. The aforementioned C.C.No.24/2026 is pending before the JMFC, Dharwad.

3. Petitioner is accused of offences punishable under Sections 85, 115(2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing for the 2nd respondent jointly submit that the dispute between husband and wife is amicably settled.

5. The complainant/respondent No.2 is present before the Court. The Court made enquiry with the complainant/second respondent as to whether she has decided

to not to prosecute the matter and has reconciled the differences.

6. Both petitioner/husband and second respondent/wife jointly submit that the dispute is amicably settled and they are living together. An application is also filed seeking leave of the Court to compound the offence.

7. The Court has perused the contents.

8. The Joint memo indicates that both petitioner and respondent No.2 are living together. It is evident that the matrimonial dispute is resolved. The application is also supported by the affidavit filed by the petitioner as well as the respondent No.2. Since, it is evident that the parties have voluntarily entered into settlement and have agreed to put an end to all the cases pending, the Court is of the view that petition has to be allowed as the trial before the Trial Court does not serve any purpose.

9. On the other hand, if the complainant is made to prosecute the matter, the harmony between the husband and the wife which is achieved through some mediation and conciliation process may be jeopardised.

10. Accordingly, Criminal Petition is ***allowed***. The impugned proceeding is quashed.

Sd/-
(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

BRN /CT: UMD
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 110