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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.101588 OF 2025

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

BETWEEN:

MEKALA RUPA
42 YEARS, W/O. RAVI SHANKAR,
R/O H.NO.60, VENKATESHWARA NAGAR,
3RD CROSS, ANANTHAPURAM ROAD,
BALLARI-583101.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. HARSH DESAI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. CHALLA SREE LAKSHMI,
   35 YEARS, W/O. KARUR RAKESH,
   D/O. CHALLA SURENDRANATH CHOWDARY.

2. PRADHYUMNARJUN,
   05 YEARS, W/O. KARUR RAKESH,
   SINCE MINOR-REPRESENTED BY
   HIS MOTHER/ NATURAL GUARDIAN
   CHALLA SREE LAKSHMI/

   BOTH ARE RESIDENTS OF
   PLOT NO.5, 1ST FLOOR, VITTA COLONY,
   ANANTHAPUR ROAD, BALLARI-583115.

...RESPONDENTS

(NOTICE TO R1 IS SERVED;
R2 IS MINOR REPRESENTED BY R1)

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CHANDRASHEKAR
LAXMAN KATTIMANI
Location: HIGH COURT
OF KARNATAKA
DHARWAD BENCH
DHARWAD

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 OF CR.P.C. (UNDER SECTION 528 OF BNSS, 2023) PRAYING TO QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS NO.786/2024 PENDING ON THE FILE OF COURT OF PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT BALLARI FILED UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACT, 2005 AS PER ANNEXURE-A IN SO FAR AS PETITIONER, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

1. The petition is filed to quash the proceedings against the petitioner, which is initiated in Criminal Miscellaneous No.786 of 2024 on the file of JMFC, Ballari.

2. It is noticed that, the petition in Criminal Miscellaneous No.786/2024 is filed against four respondents. The first respondent is the husband, the second respondent is the mother-in-law, the third respondent is father-in-law of the complainant and the fourth respondent is said to be niece of the mother-in-law of the complainant, the second respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would refer to the contents of the petition under Section 12 of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, wherein it is stated against respondent No.4 as under:

> "3. xxx The respondent No.4 used to visit the matrimonial home, as and when she visited the matrimonial home, she used to take petty quarrels with the petitioner No.1 and blamed her for one or the other reasons. xxx"

4. Except this allegation, there is no other allegation against the respondent No.4.

5. Advocate for respondent No.4-petitioner is present.

6. On going through the contents of the petition, this Court does not find any justifiable reasons to proceed against respondent No.4, who is the petitioner before this Court.

7. Accordingly, the petition is ***allowed***. The proceeding against respondent No.4 is quashed.

8. It is made clear that this order should not be construed as having reflected on the merits of the claim against the remaining respondents in the said petition, which is pending before the Trial Court.

Sd/-
(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE

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