



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.100105 OF 2026 (482(Cr.PC)/528(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

SRI. NANASAHEB S/O. BABURAO NANASAHEB NIKKAM,
AGE ABOUT 54 YEARS, OCC. BUSINESS,
R/O. #176, SANDUR TOWN, BALLARI DIST. 583119.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. KARTIK GANACHARI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY CHORANURU POLICE STATION,
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, DHARWAD-580011.

2. SRI. MAHANTESH P S/O. P. CHITTAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, OCC. GOVT. SERVICE,
R/O. BANDRI VILLAGE, SANDUR TALUK,
BALLARI-583124.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. GIRIJA S.HIREMATH, HCGP FOR R1;
NOTICE TO R2 IS SERVED)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 528 OF BNSS (UNDER SECTION 482 OF CR.P.C.) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE ABOVE CRIMINAL PETITION AND QUASH THE ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS INITIATED BY THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, SANDUR IN C.C.NO.1131/2024 FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 14 OF CHILD LABOUR (PROHIBITION AND REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, VIDE ANNEXURE-D AND QUASH THE COMPLAINT DATED 04/04/2024 VIDE ANNEXURE-A, FIR IN CR.NO.0041/2024 DATED 04/04/2024 REGISTERED BEFORE CHORANURU P.S. VIDE ANNEXURE-B AND CHARGE SHEET DATED 01/10/2024 VIDE ANNEXURE-C PENDING ON THE FILE OF CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, SANDUR IN C.C. NO.1131/2024 AND ALL FURTHER PROCEEDINGS THEREON, IN SO FAR AS ACCUSED NO.1/PETITIONER HEREIN AND ETC.,.





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

CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

This petition is filed to quash the proceedings initiated in C.C.No.1131/2024 on the file of JMFC, Sandur pursuant to the complaint dated 04.04.2024 registered in Crime No.41/2024.

2. The charge sheet is filed for the alleged offence under Section 14 of the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2016.

3. The complaint is filed by one of the officers who have been designated as an Election Officer during Lok Sabha election. The allegation is, the petitioner who had obtained permission to campaign in the election, has employed three children during election campaign. The charge sheet is also filed.

4. It is relevant to notice that the charge sheet does not disclose the age of the children. The documents relating to age of the children are not produced in the charge sheet. There is no allegation that the children are employed continuously.



5. On going through the contents of the charge sheet, it appears that the children participated in the election rally. That by itself is not sufficient to take a view that the children were employed.

6. This being the position, the Court is of the view that no purpose would be served in case the petitioner is tried. Accordingly, following:

ORDER

- i. The petition is **allowed**.
- ii. The charge sheet and the complaint are quashed. Consequently, the proceeding in C.C. No.1131/2024 before the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Sandur is also quashed.

**Sd/-
(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE**

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