



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 4799 OF 2024**

**C/W**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 5231 OF 2024**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 5657 OF 2024**

**IN CRL.P No. 4799/2024**

**BETWEEN:**

1. SMT. AMULYA R,  
W/O. VAISHAK K H V,  
D/O. RAMACHANDRA CHANNARAYAPPA,  
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,  
R/AT NO.5175, 17<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR,  
VISTA TOWER, PRESTIGE MISTY WATER,  
KEMPAPURA-HEBBAL,  
BANGALORE NORTH TALUK,  
BANGALORE - 560 024

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. LEELA P., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA  
THROUGH SADASHIVANAGAR POLICE,  
REPRESENTED BY SPP OFFICE,  
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,  
BENGALURU - 560 001





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2. SMT USHA SHREE LAKSHMINARAYANA  
W/O SRI SRINIVAS KALYAN ALLADA  
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,  
R/AT NO.906,  
GOPALAN GRANDEUR APARTMENTS,  
HOODI, BENGALURU - 560 048

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAJAT SUBRAMANYAM, HCGP FOR R1

SRI. R.N. CHANDRACHOODA, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.PETITION IS FILED UNDER SECTION 482 CR.P.C.  
PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO  
QUASH THE FIR IN CRIME NO.0037/2024 DATED 02.02.2024,  
PURSUANT TO COMPLAINT DATED 02.02.2024 REGISTERED BY  
THE 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT SADASHIVANAGAR POLICE, FOR THE  
OFFENCE P/U/S 420,406,506 R/W 34 OF IPC, 1860, PENDING ON  
THE FILE OF THE HON'BLE 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITIONAL CHIEF  
METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, COURT NRUPATUNGA ROAD  
BANGALORE CITY.

**IN CRL.P NO. 5231/2024**

**BETWEEN:**

1. VAISHAK K.H.V.  
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,  
S/O VENKATESH K.H.  
R/AT 359, 11<sup>TH</sup> CROSS ROAD  
R T NAGAR, 2<sup>ND</sup> BLOCK  
BEHIND BSNL OFFICE  
BANGALORE - 560 032

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MAYUR .M, ADVOCATE FOR  
SRI. M.R.C. MANOHAR, ADVOCATE)



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**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
BY SADASHIVANAGAR PS  
BANGALORE CITY  
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,  
HIGH COURT COMPLEX  
BANGALORE - 560 001
2. SMT USHA SHREE LAKSHMINARAYANA  
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS  
W/O SRINIVAS KALYAN ALLADA  
LAKSHMI NARAYANA  
R/AT NO.906,  
GOPALAN GRANDEUR APARTMENTS,  
HOODI, BANGALORE - 560 048

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAJAT SUBRAMANYAM, HCGP FOR R1;

SRI. C.N. MAHADESHWARA, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.PETITION IS FILED U/S.482 OF CR.P.C.  
PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED  
TO QUASH THE FIR, COMPLAINT AND ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS  
REGISTERED AGAINST HIM IN CR.NO.37/2024 BY THE  
SADASHIVANAGAR P.S. BENGALURU FOR THE OFFENCES  
P/U/S 406, 420, 506 READ WITH SECTION 34 OF IPC  
REGISTERED PENDING BEFORE THE HONBLE III ADDITIONAL  
CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU.

**IN CRL.P NO. 5657/2024**

**BETWEEN:**

1. SRI RAMACHANDRA CHANNARAYAPPA  
AGED ABOUT 63 YEARS,  
S/O LATE CHANNARAYAPPA CHOKKAPPA  
R/AT NO.5175, 17<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR,



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VISTA TOWER, PRESTIGE MISTY WATER,  
KEMPAPURA-HEBBAL,  
BANGALORE NORTH TALUK,  
BANGALORE - 560 024.

2. SRI GAGAN H D  
S/O DINESH BABU Y H  
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS,  
R/AT NO.380,  
ANTHARAGANGE ROAD,  
MUNESHWARA NAGAR, 3<sup>RD</sup> CROSS,  
KEELUKOTE,  
KOLAR DISTRICT - 563 101.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. LEELA P., ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA  
THROUGH SADASHIVANAGAR POLICE,  
REPRESENTED BY SPP OFFICE,  
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,  
BENGALURU - 560 001.
2. SMT. USHA SHREE LAKSHMINARAYANA,  
W/O SRI SRINIVAS KALYAN ALLADA,  
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS,  
R/AT NO. 906,  
GOPALAN GRANDEUR APARTMENTS,  
HOODI, BENGALURU - 560 048.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAJATH SUBRAMANYAM, HCGP FOR R1  
SRI. R.B. SANGAMESH, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.PETITION IS FILED U/S.482 CR.P.C PRAYING  
THAT THIS HONBLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO QUASH THE



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FIR IN CRIME NO.0037/2024 DATED 02.02.2024, REGISTERED BY THE 1<sup>ST</sup> RESPONDENT - SADASHIVANAGAR POLICE PURSUANT TO THE COMPLAINT DATED 02.02.2024 FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 420,406,506 R/W SECTION 34 OF IPC PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HON'BLE 3<sup>RD</sup> ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT, NRUPATUNGA ROAD, BANGALORE CITY.

THESE PETITIONS, COMING ON FOR ORDERS THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING / PHYSICAL HEARING, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.I.ARUN

**ORAL ORDER**

The complainant and the petitioners had certain business transactions which resulted in the complainant lodging a complaint with respondent No.1-Police. Accused No.1 is the father, accused No.2 is his daughter, accused No.3 is the son-in-law and accused No.4 is the assistant of accused No.1. Criminal Petition No.4799/2024 is filed by accused No.2; Criminal Petition No.5231/2024 is filed by accused No.3 and Criminal Petition No.5657/2024 is filed by accused No.1 and accused No.4.



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2. The complaint lodged by respondent No.2-complainant reads as under:

"ದಿನಾಂಕ:-02/02/2024 ರಂದು ಉಷಾಶ್ರೀ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಎಂಬುವವರು ಠಾಣೆಗೆ ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ ನೀಡಿದ ದೂರನಂದರೆ ಗಗನ್ ಎಂಬುವವನು ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ಚೆನ್ನರಾಯಪ್ಪನನ್ನು ಪರಿಚಯಮಾಡಿಕೊಡಲಾಗಿ ಆತನು ಸದಾಶಿವನಗರದ 8ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನಂ-30/01 ರ ಆಫೀಸ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ ನಾನು ನಿವೃತ್ತ ಕಮರ್ಷಿಯಲ್ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಸ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ ಆಗಿದ್ದು, ಈಗ ಕಮರ್ಷಿಯಲ್ ಟ್ರಾಕ್ಸ್ ಆಫೀಸರ್ ಸಂಘದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನಾಗಿದ್ದು, ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಘದ ಸದಸ್ಯರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಯಲಹಂಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ಲಾಟ್ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಇಚ್ಛಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ನಾನು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ-34/1, ಅಟ್ಟೂರು ವಿಲೇಜ್ ಯಲಹಂಕ ಹೋಬಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 47,738 ಸ್ಕ್ವೇಯರ್ ಪೀಸ್ ಜಾಗವನ್ನು 12 ಕೋಟಿಗೆ ಖರೀದಿಸಲು ಮಾತನಾಡಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ, ಆದರೆ ನನಗೆ ವಯಸ್ಸಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕಾರಣ ಇದನ್ನೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಡಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವ ಉದ್ದೇಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ನೀವು 15% ಹಣವನ್ನು ತೊಡಗಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಚೋದಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಅವರ ಮಗಳು ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಭೇಟಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಹಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಮಿ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಅಪಾರ್ಟ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕಟ್ಟಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಅದನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಮುಂದೆ ನಿಂತಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಕೆಲವೇ ತಿಂಗಳುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಹಣ ಮಾಡುವ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೆಲವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಿಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ನಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆಯ ಮಾತು ಕೇಳಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹೂಡಿ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಚೋದನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹಾಗೂ 8ನೇ ಮೈನ್ ಸದಾಶಿವನಗರ ಸ್ಟಾರ್ ಬಾಕ್ಸ್ ಬಳಿ ಕೆಲವು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ನನಗೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನಾನು ಒಪ್ಪಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೆಪ್ಟೆಂಬರ್ 25 ರಿಂದ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್ 2 ರ ವರೆಗೆ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರ ಪ್ರತಿದಿನ ನನಗೆ ಕರೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಇಂತಹ ಸದಾವಕಾಶ ಕಳೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಡಿ ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಿದ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ನನ್ನ ಜಂಟಿ ಖರೀದಿದಾರರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿ, ಕ್ರಯ ಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ಸಿದ್ಧ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಎಂದು ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ಜರೂರ್ ಆಗಿ 50 ಲಕ್ಷ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿಸಿಕೊಡಿ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಚೋದನೆ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ನಾನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 04/10/2023 ರಂದು 3 ಲಕ್ಷವನ್ನು ಆಕ್ಸಿಸ್ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ ನಿಂದ ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಜಿ.ಎಸ್ ಮೂಲಕ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ನಂತರ ದಿನಾಂಕ:-05/10/2023



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ರಂದು 2 ಲಕ್ಷ ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಜಿ.ಎಸ್ ಮೂಲಕ ವವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದಿನಾಂಕ:-06/10/2023 ರಂದು 25 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರ್.ಟಿ.ಜಿ.ಎಸ್ ಮೂಲಕ ವರ್ಗಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಹಾಗೂ ಅದೇ ದಿನ 20 ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಗಳನ್ನು ನಗದು ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ 13ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್ ಸದಾಶಿವನಗರದ ಥಡರ್‌ರವೇವ್ ಬಳಿ ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರವರಿಗೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತೇನೆ. ತದನಂತರ ಅದೇ ದಿನ ಸುಮಾರು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 2.30 ಕ್ಕೆ. ನೀವು ಯಲಹಂಕ ಸಬ್ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರಾರ್ ಆಫೀಸ್ ಗೆ ಬಂದು ಜಂಟಿ ಪತ್ರ ನೋಂದಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 50 ಲಕ್ಷ ಹಣವನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮಿಂದ ಪಡೆದು ಹೋದರು. ನಂತರ ಪ್ರತಿ ದಿನ ಕರೆ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ರಿಜಿಸ್ಟ್ರೇಷನ್ ಮುಂದೂಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಬಳಿ ಹೋಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಿಸಲಾಗಿ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ನನ್‌ನ ಬಳಿ ಹಣ ಲಪಟಾಯಿಸಲು, ಅವರಿಗೂ ಹಾಗೂ ಜಮೀನಿಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ಹಾಗೂ ಸಂಘದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸದಸ್ಯರುಗಳಿಗೂ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಅಪಾರ್ಟ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಯಾರೂ ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೂ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ವಂಚಿಸಲೆಂದು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿದ ಕಥೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹಿಂದುರುಗಿಸಲು ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ನಮಗೆ ಗುಂಡಾಗಳು ಗೊತ್ತು, ನಿಮ್‌ಮ ಜೀವ ಉಳಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಜೀವ ಬೆದರಿಕೆ ಹಾಕಿ, ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅವಾಚ್ಯ ಶಬ್ದಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಂದಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವೈಶಾಕ್ ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್.ವಿರವರು ಸಹ ಮೇಲಿನವರ ಜೊತೆ ಸೇರಿ ನನಗೆ ಜೀವ ಬೆದರಿಕೆ ಹಾಕಿ, ವಂಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅವಾಚ್ಯ ಶಬ್ದಗಳಿಂದ ನಿಂದಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಕ್ತ ಕಾನೂನು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ದೂರು."

3. Based on the said complaint, the respondent No.1-Police have registered a Crime No.37/2024 on the file of III Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Nrupathunga Road, Bangalore City, for the offences under



Sections 420, 406, 506 and 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short, 'the IPC').

4. Though several grounds are raised by the petitioners in their petitions, in the course of the arguments, the learned counsel appearing for accused Nos.1 and 4 limits her arguments to the following grounds:

i) Accused No.1 in the course of the transactions has issued post-dated cheques in favour of respondent No.2-complainant and the same have been dishonoured and respondent No.2-complainant has preferred a complaint under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short, 'the N.I.Act') and both the police complaint and the proceedings under Section 138 of the N.I.Act are not maintainable.

ii) It is further contended that in the present FIR, police have accused, accused Nos.1, 2 and 4 of



committing offences under Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC (Punishment for criminal breach of trust; Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property), which are mutually destructive.

5. The learned counsel appearing for accused No.3 apart from adopting the arguments of the learned counsel for the other accused has also contended that the complaint does not disclose the commission of any offence by accused No.3 and prays for allowing the petition as prayed for.

6. *Per contra*, the learned High Court Government Pleader, upon instructions, submits that accused No.1 is in the habit of collecting money from various persons and not giving them any property nor returning back the money as promised and more than seven(7) criminal cases are pending against him. Further, he contends that the allegations made in the complaint justify the registering of the FIR by the police and prays for dismissal of the petitions.



7. The learned counsel for respondent No.2-complainant adopts the arguments of the learned High Court Government Pleader and prays for dismissal of the petitions.

8. Perusal of the complaint reveals that respondent No.2-complainant has transferred money through RTGS and also by cash. It also reveals that accused No.1 has issued certain cheques to refund the same upon he not being able to get the property registered as promised. There is a direct allegation made against accused Nos.2 and 4 (daughter and assistant of accused No.1) about they being involved in inducing the complainant to pay the money to accused No.1. In respect of accused No.3 the only allegation made is that when she approached accused No.2 for refund of the money, he threatened the complainant with dire consequences and abused her.

9. Whether the aforementioned facts as alleged by the complainant took place or not is a matter to be



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investigated. It cannot be decided by this Court in exercise of its powers under Section 482 of Code of Criminal Procedure (for short, 'the Cr.P.C). However, there is an allegation of only one transaction in the complaint, that is, payment of amounts by the complainant to accused No.1 and accused No.1 not being able to purchase the property as agreed upon and the failure on the part of accused No.1 to repay the money when demanded by the complainant. Upon investigation, the police will have to decide whether the said allegation is true or false. If true, then whether it amounts to an offence under Sections 406 of the IPC or 420 of the IPC. A person cannot be accused of both the offences under Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC, for the same act which constitute an offence because in Criminal Breach of Trust, there is misappropriation subsequent to receipt of money and there is no *mens rea* at the time of receiving the money. Whereas in cheating, there is *mens rea* at the time of receiving the money itself. Sections 406 and 420 of the IPC are mutually destructive. However, just



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because an error is committed in mentioning the offences in FIR, that will not be a ground for quashing the proceedings against the accused. The police upon receiving a complaint, being *prima facie* of the opinion that an offence has been committed, have registered the FIR. It is possible that erroneous sections are mentioned in the FIR. After investigation, the same can always be rectified while filing the police report. Even thereafter, if the accused are not charged with the right kind of the offences, the trial Court has the power to alter the same. A mistake in the FIR mentioning an erroneous offence will not be fatal to it.

10. However, in respect of accused No.3, the only allegation made against him is that when the complainant visited accused No.2 at her residence to ask for money to be returned, accused No.3 being the husband of accused No.2 threatened her and abused her verbally. Thus, the proceedings can lie against accused No.3 only insofar as it relates to an offence under Sections 506 and 34 of the IPC



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and not under any other provisions. However, in respect of the other accused, no such benefit can be granted to them at this stage.

11. Insofar as it relates to the maintainability of proceedings against accused No.1 under Section 138 of the N.I.Act and also filing a complaint as it has been done in the instant case, I am of the opinion that both are maintainable. This is because, the present complaint against accused No.1 is filed on the ground that he has cheated the complainant and the proceedings under Section 138 of the N.I.Act has been initiated for not paying the legally dischargeable debt and the cheque issued in this regard has been dishonoured. In my opinion, the act which has given rise to the filing of the present complaint and the complaint under Section 138 of the N.I.Act are two different Acts and hence, though both form part of one transaction are maintainable. Hence, the following:



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**ORDER**

- i. The proceedings against accused No.3 under Sections 420 and 406 of the IPC stands quashed. However, proceedings against him under Sections 506 and 34 of the IPC shall continue.
- ii. The petitions stands dismissed as against other accused.

**Sd/-**  
**(M.I.ARUN)**  
**JUDGE**

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