

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BANGALORE

DATED THIS THE 28th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.V.CHANDRASHEKARA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6711/2014

BETWEEN:

Lingappa
S/o Siddappa,
Aged about 20 years,
R/o Malahalli Village,
Surapura Taluk,
Yadgiri District – 585 201. Petitioner

(By Sri. Chetan B. Angadi, Adv. for
Ms.Rashmi Jadhav, Adv.)

AND:

State of Karnataka,
By M.K. Doddi Police Station,
Represented by the State
Public Prosecutor,
High Court Building,
Bangalore – 560 001. Respondent

(By Sri. B. Visveshwaraiah, HC GP)

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C. praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is accused No.1 in Crime No.48/2014 of M.K. Doddi Police Station, Ramnagar for the offences punishable under

Sections 363 of IPC and Sec.4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012.

This Criminal Petition coming on for orders this day, the Court made the following:-

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Taking into consideration that the statement of victim girl, Meghana hardly aged about 14 years, who was studying in 9th standard being recorded by the learned JMFC under Section 164 of Cr.PC, is very difficult to disbelieve the contents of her statement. Even, if she has married the petitioner, it is a *per se* offence under Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offence Act, 2012. In this view of the matter, the petition is dismissed.

**Sd/-
JUDGE**

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