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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI [3368]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

THURSDAY, THE 16th DAY OF JULY 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B V L N CHAKRAVARTHI

CRIMINAL APPEAL No: 717/2024

Between:

1. CHODAGIRI MAHINDRA KUMAR, S/O.SAMUEL AGED 33 YEARS, R/O.CHINNAMALLAM VILLAGE PENUGONDA MANDAL NOW WORKING AS AR CONSTABLE AT ELURU AP.
2. CHODAGIRI SAMUEL, S/O.MASEENU AGED 58 YEARS, R/O.CHINAMALLAM VILLAGE PENUGONDA MANDAL, W.G.DISTRICT, AP.
3. CHODAGIRI MARIYAMMA, W/O.SAMUEL AGED 54 YEARS, R/O.CHINAMALLAM VILLAGE PENUGONDA MANDAL, W.G.DISTRICT, AP.

...APELLANT(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep.by public prosecutor High Court of AP, Amaravathi

2. Chodagiri Chaithanya, W/o.Chodariri Mahendra Kumar, Aged 30 years, Occ: House wife, R/o.Kotta Colony Chinapeta, Achanta Village and Mandal, West Godavari District.

...RESPODENTS

Counsel for the Appellants:

1. YASWANTH GADE

Counsel for the Respondents:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

2. G.V.Shivaji

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE B.V.L.N.CHAKRAVARTHI

CRIMINAL APPEAL No.717 OF 2024

JUDGMENT:

This Criminal Appeal under Section 415 of BNSS, 2023 has been filed on behalf of the appellants herein/Accused No.1 to 3, to set aside the conviction imposed on the appellants/A-1 to A-3 for the offence U/secs.3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard Sri G.Yaswanth, learned counsel for the appellants/A-1 to A-3 and Smt.K.S.G.Padmavathi, learned counsel representing Sri G.V.Shivaji, learned counsel for the respondent No.2 (defacto-complainant). Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the State is in attendance.

3. Today, when the matter is taken up, the appellants herein/A-1 to A-3 and 2nd respondent (defacto-complainant) herein are present before this Court. The appellants/A-1 to A-3 and the 2nd respondent produced their respective Aadhaar cards in proof of their identity. Learned counsel for the appellants and the learned counsel for 2nd respondent have identified both the parties in the open Court.

4. Both parties submitted that they settled the matter outside the Court in the interest of the family. The 2nd respondent (victim) would submit that she has no objection to set aside the conviction

imposed on the appellants/A-1 to A-3 for the offence U/secs.3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

5. Considering the above circumstances and facts of the case, as both parties compromised the matter in the interest of family, and child of the appellant/A-1 and the respondent/victim and in the light of judgment of the Hon'ble Apex Court in the case of ***Gian Singh v. State of Punjab & another***[1], I.A.Nos.1 & 2 of 2026 are ordered and accordingly, compromise is recorded.

6. In the light of orders passed in I.A.Nos.1 and 2 of 2026, compromise is recorded, conviction and sentence imposed on the appellants/A-1 to A-3 for the offence U/secs.3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, is set aside. The bail bonds if any executed by the appellants/A-1 to A-3 shall stand cancelled. The fine amount if any paid by the appellants/A-1 to A-3 shall be refunded in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Appeal is disposed of.

As a sequel thereto, the Interlacutory applications, if any, pending in this Criminal Appeal shall stand closed.

JUSTICE B.V.L.N.CHAKRAVARTHI.

16th July, 2026.
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