PROCEEDINGS OF THE VIRTUAL KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER, 2021.

PRESENT:

SHRI. SRINIVASA BABU.L - CHAIRMAN

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Mr. KOTESHWARA RAO

Mr. MADUSUDAN M.N

Mr. MITTALAKOD S. S.

Meeting presided over by the Chairman, KSBC.

<u>Subject:</u> Suo moto proceedings against Mr. K.S. N. Rajesh (Narasimha Rajesh K.S) Advocate, Mangalore. (Enrolment No. Kar/1464/2001) son of Seetharamaiah K.N., first floor, T-4, 3rd Floor, Essel Chambers, Karangalpady, Mangalore 575003.

Ref: 1. Crime No. 78/2021 of Women PS, Mangalore. 2. Crime No. 79/2021 of Women PS, Mangalore.

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- 1. The Karnataka State Bar Council (KSBC) has taken suo moto cognizance of the allegations of sexual assault made against the Advocate Sri. K.S. Narasimha Rajesh.
- 2. KSBC has carefully perused copy of the FIR and complaint in Crime No. 78/2021 of Women Police Station, Mangalore registered under Sections 376, 376(2)(f), 376(2)(k), 376-C, 511, 354(A), 354(B),

354(D), 506, 384, 388, 389 read with 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860. In this FIR, the first informant is the victim of sexual offence of attempt to rape, molestation, outraging the modesty of the Law Intern girl student, voyeurism, stalking, criminal intimidation, extortion and other related offences committed by K.S.N. Rajesh abusing his position as senior of the law intern. The victim is the student of II year law and intern under K.S.N. Rajesh. She has set out in detail about the incident of sexual assault and attempt to rape, threat etc committed by K.S.N. Rajesh. In her complaint she has further mentioned about the two audio recordings with K.S.N. Rajesh wherein he has allegedly confessed about the incident and pleaded her to forgive him. Further in the complaint she has also set out the details as to how K.S.N. Rajesh being a leading practitioner and SPP for Lokayukta was claiming of his contacts with the Police and powerful persons and how he bribed Judges.

3. KSBC has also carefully perused copy of the FIR and complaint in Crime No. 79/2021 of Women Police Station, Mangalore under Sections 504, 506, 363, 384 r/w 34 IPC. In this case, the first informant is the student of final year LLB, who was working as assistant under K.S.N. Rajesh. She has stated that K.S.N. Rajesh along with the other accused caused her abduction, threatened her and forcibly took her to the Police station. FIR also reveals that after being threatened her signature was forcibly taken in the Police Station in the presence of and at the instance of K.S.N. Rajesh and that she was forced to give in writing that she was responsible for making conversation audio viral.

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- 4. The KSBC has also noted various reports made in the print and electronic media regarding the sexual assault on the victim. The incident of sexual assault and sexual abuse by the Advocate in his chambers on the intern is a very serious matter of grave concern.
- 5. After having perused the available materials and after discussing the matter at length, KSBC is of the unanimous opinion that there are prima facie materials to show the commission of acts of sexual abuse, threats etc by K.S.N. Rajesh against the law intern and also indulging in serious criminal offence of abduction, threat etc against another female law assistant. Further the complaint also speaks of grave allegations of the advocate misusing his powers and indulging in bribery and other corrupt practices. All these clearly amount to very serious acts of professional misconduct under Sec. 35 of the Advocates Act, 1961 requiring immediate disciplinary action from KSBC.
- 6. It is also noted. K.S. N. Rajesh has also been working as the Special Public Prosecutor for Lokayukta and holds a highly responsible position. His acts have undermined the dignity and

reputation of the profession. Hence KSBC is of the unanimous opinion that there are sufficient and strong materials to refer the suo motu complaint to the disciplinary committee for enquiry.

7. That the materials on record clearly depict an extraordinary situation where immediate intervention and action by the Bar Council is very much required to protect and safeguard the dignity and decorum of the profession and also to stop K.S.N. Rajesh from misusing his position as an Advocate and further to stop any acts of tampering of the evidence, which is material in the course of the enquiry and to ensure fair enquiry. It is also very much required to assure safety and security to the victim and the witnesses.

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RESOLUTION NO. 379/2021

For the reasons stated above, the Karnataka State Bar Council hereby unanimously resolves as under:

- 1. To refer the suo moto complaint against K. S. N. Rajesh (Narasimha Rajesh K.S) Advocate, Mangalore. (Enrolment No. Kar/1464/2001) son of Seetharamaiah K.N., first floor, T-4, 3rd Floor, Essel Chambers, Karangalpady, Mangalore 575003, to Disciplinary Committee for enquiry for professional misconduct under Section 35 of the Advocates Act, 1961.
- 2. To keep the enrolment of K.S. N. Rajesh (Narasimha Rajesh K.S) Advocate, Mangalore (Enrolment No. Kar/1464/2001) under SUSPENSION with immediate effect and until further orders.

Sd/-

(L. SRINIVASA BABU) Chairman

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No. KSBC 1978/2021

NOTIFICATION No. 8 / 2021

DATED 21stOCTOBER, 2021

IT is hereby notified for the general information of the public that the following orders have been passed in the Bar Council Meeting of Karnataka State Bar Council held on 21st October 2021



SI. NO.	Name, Roll Number and Address of the Advocate	Nature of Order & by the Authority
1	Sri. K.S.N. RAJESH (NARASIMHA RAJESH K S) Advocate, KAR/1464/2001 Address: S/o Seetharamaiah K. N., 1 ⁵¹ Floor, T-4, 3 rd Floor, Essel Chembers, Karangalpady, Mangalore – 575 003.	RESOLUTION NO. 379/2021 DATED: 21/10/2021 For the reasons stated above, the Karnataka State Bar Council hereby unanimously resolves as under: 1. To refer the suo moto complaint against K. S. N. Rajesh (Narasimha Rajesh K.S) Advocate, Mangalore (Enrolment No. Kar/1464/2001) son of Seetharamaiah K.N., first floor, T-4, 3 rd Floor, Esse Chambers, Karangalpady, Mangalore 575003, to Disciplinary Committee for enquiry for professional misconduct under Section 35 of the Advocates Act
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- 1. The Registrar General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- 2. The Secretary, Bar Council of India, New Delhi,
- 3. Chairman & Secretaries of all State Bar Councils.
- 4. The Registrar General, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 5. The Registrars of All High Courts in India.
- 6. Central Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore.
- 7. Karnataka Administrative Tribunal, Bangalore
- 8. State Consumer Redressal Fourm, Bangalore.
- The Secretary to Govt, Law Department, Vidhana Souda, Bengalore (with a request to communicate all departments & Tribunals in the State).
- 10. The Secretary, Home Department, Government of Karnataka.
- 11. Director General of Police, State of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 12. All Principal Dist. Judges in the state of Karnataka.
- 13. District Consumer Redressal Fourm, Bangalore
- 14. All Members of the KSBC.
- 15. All the Bar Association in the Karnataka State.
- 16. Women Lawyers Association.
- 17. The Advocate Concerned.
- 18. News Papers.
- 19. Notice Board.
- 20. File.