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To dismiss the FIR over Kantara mimicry, Ranveer Singh petitions the Karnataka High Court.



Singh has maintained that he didn't mean to offend anyone's religious or cultural feelings and that his mimicry was taken out of context.

In an attempt to get a first information report (FIR) against him over comments he made at the 55th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa dismissed, Bollywood star Ranveer Singh has petitioned the Karnataka High Court. [State of Karnataka v. Ranveer Singh]

According to Section 175(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (magistrate investigation), the criminal petition contests an order issued by the

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru, demanding an investigation. The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, Sections 196 (religious enmity), 299 (religious insult), and 302 (public mischief) were the charges for which the High Grounds Police Station filed a formal complaint in accordance with the order.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna decided to set a hearing date on February 24 after the case was brought up for an urgent hearing.

Singh mentioned actor Rishab Shetty's performance in Kantara: Chapter 1 and congratulated him in his remarks. According to the complainant, some of the speech's statements incited animosity between communities and offended religious feelings.

According to the petition, Singh imitated Shetty's performance and called a character a "female ghost" while praising Shetty's acting. This caused a social media uproar. It argues that no faith or group was intended to be harmed and that the comments were taken out of context.

Singh has argued in his appeal that his comments were taken out of context and that he did not intend to offend anyone's religious or cultural beliefs. He has claimed to have apologized unconditionally on social media, stating that he respects all cultures and customs and that his remarks were intended merely to express admiration for Shetty's performance.

The plea contends that as there was no attempt to sow discord among communities, incite violence, or harbor evil intent, the necessary elements of the claimed offenses are not proven. It further argues that continuing the criminal proceedings would be an abuse of the legal process and that the magistrate's order directing the investigation suffers from non-application of mind.

The petition contends that criminal procedures have been initiated without the appropriate application of mind, even in light of this clarification.

Furthermore, it is argued that the complaint does not reveal a cognisable offense that calls for the filing of a formal complaint and therefore the magistrate's ruling directing the investigation under Section 175(3) BNSS is mechanical. According to the plea, continuing the procedures would be considered an abuse of the legal system.