



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 7532 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

ARMAN MUTHAHAR @
MOHAMMED MUTHAHAR ARMAAN
S/O MUSTHAQ AHMED
AGED 34 YEARS, R/AT 002
SAKSHI APARTMENT, BENGALURU
HMT LAYOUT, BILLAPPA GARDEN
KARNATAKA - 560 032
(ACCUSED IN J.C. SINCE 14.05.2026)
NAME IS MENTIONED AS PER
REJECTED BAIL ORDER
PERMANENT RESIDENT OF
3940, STATE ROAD, NEW CASTLE
INDIANA 47362
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI HANUMESH H.N, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY J C NAGAR. P.S
REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI VINAY MAHADEVIAIAH, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS)
PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL WHO IS THE
ACCUSED IN CR.NO.84/2026 FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S
25(1)(A),27(2) OF AMRS ACT 1959 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE
J.C.NAGAR P.S 8TH ADDL.C.M.M AT BENGALURU REGISTERED UPON
A FALSE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.

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COURT OF
KARNATAKA





THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused in Crime No.84/2026 registered by J.C.Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 25(1)(A), 27(2) of Arms Act, 1959, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.
2. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
3. FIR in Crime No.84/2026 was registered by J.C.Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein based on the first information dated 06.05.2026 received from Prakash.G.N. - General Manager of Jayamahal Palace Hotel. In the said case, petitioner was arrested on 06.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.4611/2026 was rejected on 27.05.2026. Therefore, petitioner is before this Court.



4. In the first information, which was submitted by the General Manager of Jayamahar Palace Hotel, it is stated that petitioner had checked into their hotel on 27.04.2026 and on 28.04.2026 he had checked out of the hotel. When the room in which the petitioner had stayed was being cleaned, the staff of the hotel found a pistol magazine containing live bullets and immediately thereafter, they contacted the petitioner and informed him about the same. In turn, the petitioner informed the management of the hotel that he would come back and collect the article after some days. However, since he did not return, the General Manager of the hotel had approached the police.

5. In the petition, it is stated that petitioner is serving as an Air Force Officer in United States of America and the material on record would also reveal that he is a citizen of the said country. According to the petitioner, inadvertently his pistol magazine containing live bullets was packed in his suit case which he had brought with him when he arrived to India to see his ailing mother.



6. Investigation of the case is now completed and charge sheet is filed. Considering the nature of allegations found in the charge sheet as well as the maximum punishment for the alleged offences, I am of the opinion that petitioner's prayer for grant of regular bail is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

7. The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.84/2026 registered by J.C.Nagar Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 25(1)(A), 27(2) of Arms Act, 1959, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioner shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioner shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts his appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;



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d) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

**Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE**

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