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NC: 2026:KHC:48964
CRL.P No. 12012 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 12012 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

CHANDRU,
S/O BABANNA,
AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS,
R/AT SITE NO.12, 6TH CROSS,
RAMAMURTHY GARDEN, DODDA
BYALADAKERE, HESARAGHATTA HOBLI,
BENGALURU-560088.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. SHIVAMMA D, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA,
STATE BY SOLDEVANAHALLI P.S.,
RPTD. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BANGALORE-560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) TO PASS AN ORDER OF BAIL ENLARGING THE PETITIONER IN CRIME NO.56/2022 OF SOLDEVANAHALLI POLICE, NOW IN S.C.NO.212/2022 AND PENDING TRIAL BEFORE VII ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE RURAL, FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 302 AND 201 OF IPC.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused in S.C.No.212/2022 pending before the Court of 7th Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru, arising out of Crime No.56/2022 registered by Soladevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Sections 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.56/2022 was registered by Soladevanahalli police station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 1.4.2022 received from Smt.Geetha D/o deceased Smt.Manjamma. In the said case, petitioner was arrested on 3.4.2022 and remanded to judicial custody. After completing the investigation, the charge sheet is filed against the petitioner



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for the aforesaid offences. Bail application filed before the trial Court in S.C.No.212/2022 was rejected on 26.09.2023. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. The material on record would go to show that after the husband of deceased Smt.Manjamma had expired, she had married the petitioner. First informant is the daughter of deceased Smt.Manjamma from her earlier husband. The dead body of deceased Smt.Manjamma was found in her house on 1.4.2022 and since the first informant suspected the hand of the petitioner, FIR was registered against him. Investigation of the case is completed and charge sheet is filed. The entire case of the prosecution is based on the circumstantial evidence. As per the charge sheet allegations, petitioner and the deceased Smt.Manjamma were addicted to alcohol and petitioner allegedly used to assault Smt.Manjamma after consuming alcohol. On 29.03.2022, at about 7.00 p.m., Smt.Manjamma who had consumed alcohol was lying in a semi-conscious state near a bar and restaurant. The petitioner who brought her from the said place, at about 8.30 p.m., allegedly quarreled with her. Subsequently, on the same night at about 11 p.m., he allegedly



assaulted her with a wooden piece and also iron pipe and committed her murder. During the course of trial, out of the 26 charge sheet witnesses cited in the present case, till date, 11 charge sheet witnesses have been examined as PWs.1 to 11. The submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner that material charge sheet witnesses are examined and they have turned hostile, is not seriously disputed by the learned HCGP. The petitioner who has no other criminal antecedents, is in custody for more than four years.

5. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and more so, the period of the petitioner's incarceration, the following:

ORDER

- (i) The petition is ***allowed***.
- (ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.56/2022 registered by Soladevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru, registered for offences punishable under Sections 302 and 201 of the Indian Penal Code, subject to the following conditions:



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a) Petitioner shall execute a 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;

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

e) The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against him is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE