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NC: 2026:KHC:51711
CRL.P No. 12634 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 21ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 12634 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

JEEVA R,
S/O LATE RAJENDRAN,
AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS,
R/AT NO.33,
LAKSHMAN PURI,
GANDHINAGARA,
BANGALORE - 560 009.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAGHU N R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY SHESHADRI PURAM POLICE STATION,
BANGALORE.
REPRESENTED BY ITS
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
CITY CIVIL COURT,
BANGALORE - 01.
2. VICTIM,
W/O JEEVA,
AGED ABOUT 18 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.74,
2ND FLOOR, RISILDHAR STREET,

Digitally signed
by ASHWINI
MAYAPPA
MAVARAKAR
Location: High
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SHESHADRIPURAM,
BANGALORE - 560 020.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP FOR R1;
SRI.MANJUNATHA N.M., ADVOCATE FOR R2)

THIS CRL.P. IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS)
CR.P.C PRAYING TO ENLARGE ON BAIL IN CRIME NO.67/2026
OF RESPONDENT SHESHADRIPURAM POLICE, PENDING ON THE
FILE OF THE FAST TRACK COURT - 4, CITY COURT COMPLEX,
BENGALURU FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCE P/US/ 64(2)(m) OF
BNS AND SEC.4(1), 5(j), 5(L), 6 OF POCSO ACT AND SEC 9 OF
PROHIBITION OF CHILD MARRIAGE ACT.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.1 in Crime No.67 of 2026 registered by
Seshadripuram Police Station, Bengaluru City for the
offence punishable under Section 64(2)(m) of BNS, 2023,
Section 4(1), 5(j), 5(L), 6 of POCSO Act, 2012 and Section
9 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, is before this
Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS,
2023 seeking regular bail.



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2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.67 of 2026 registered by Seshadripuram Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offences against petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 26.06.2026 received from Parashuram Basalinga, Police Officer attached to Seshadripuram Police Station, Bengaluru City. During the course of the investigation of the said case, petitioner was arrested on 29.06.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.6988 of 2026 was rejected on 29.07.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and the victim girl were in love for nearly 6 years and subsequently, they got married. When the victim girl was taken for medical examination, on verification it was found that she was pregnant and therefore, FIR has been registered against the petitioner.



The victim girl has now given birth to a child. Accordingly, he prays to allow the petition.

5. *Per contra*, learned High Court Government Pleader has opposed the petition on the ground that the victim girl is a minor and therefore, the alleged offences get attracted against the petitioner. Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that victim girl who is a major is present in the Court along with a newly born child. He submits that she has no objection to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. FIR in the present case was registered against the petitioner and others, based on the first information dated 26.06.2026 received from Police Officer attached to Seshadripuram Police Station, who had received a medico-legal case communication from the hospital stating that "a lady below the age of 18 years had been admitted to labour." It is under these circumstances, the petitioner was arrested on 29.06.2026 and remanded to judicial custody.



7. A reading of remand application of the petitioner would to go show that the petitioner and the victim girl were in love for a period of 6 years and subsequently, they got married and the victim girl had conceived. When she had gone to the hospital for her medical check-up, on verification of her date of birth, FIR has been registered against the petitioner in the present case. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the victim girl has now given birth to the child.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for respondent No.2 submit that the petitioner is required to take care of the victim girl and the newly born child. Considering the aforesaid aspect of the matter and the age of the parties, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:



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ORDER

(i) The Criminal Petition is allowed.

(ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.67 of 2026 registered by Seshadripuram Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 64(2)(m) of BNS, 2023, Section 4(1), 5(j), 5(L), 6 of POCSO Act, 2012 and Section 9 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety 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;



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- 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

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