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NC: 2026:KHC:53272
CRL.P No. 13761 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 13761 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

ABHISHEK @ CHRIST ABHISHEK
S/O LATE JOHN,
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS,
R/AT NO.100, GROUND FLOOR,
RENUKAMBA NILAYA,
M.R. RICHARDS GARDEN,
3RD CROSS, N.R.I. LAYOUT,
RAMAMURTHY NAGAR,
BENGALURU - 560 016

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. BINU M., ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
MARATHAHALLI P.S.,
REP BY HCGP/SPP,
BENGALURU - 560 001

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.P.C. (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN CRIME NO.338/2026 REGISTERED BY MARATHAHALLI POLICE STATION, BENGALURU, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 140(2), 351(2), 352 R/W SEC.3(5) OF THE BNS, 2023, WHICH IS



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PENDING BEFORE THIS HONBLE XXIX ACJM MAYO HALL UNIT
AT BENGALURU.

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.2 in Crime No.338 of 2026 registered by
Marathahalli Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences
punishable under Section 140(2), 351(2), 352 read with
Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, 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.338 of 2026 was registered by
Marathahalli Police Station, Bengaluru City for the
aforesaid offences against one Paramesh and others,
based on the first information dated 05.07.2026 received
from Anbalagan G., who is alleged victim in the present
case. During the course of investigating, the petitioner has



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voluntarily surrendered before the jurisdictional Court on 14.07.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application thereafter filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.25692 of 2026 was rejected on 17.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court

4. Accused No.1 had approached this Court in Crl.P.No.12362 of 2026 seeking anticipatory bail. In paragraph Nos.6 and 7 of the order passed in the said petition wherein accused No.1 has been granted anticipatory bail, it is observed as follows:

"6. First informant in the present case is said to be a Group-D employee in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike. In the first information dated 05.07.2026, he has stated that, on 02.07.2026, he had received a phone call from his wife Sarala who informed him that, some stranger had come near their house in search of the petitioner. Thereafter, the petitioner came near the house and found accused Nos.1 and 2 near his house. They allegedly asked him to board the vehicle in which they had arrived. Thereafter, they



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demanded money and threatened him of the dire consequences. Petitioner allegedly had paid total sum of Rs.95,000/- to the accused persons on 02.07.2026 and after criminally intimidating him, they allegedly had released him.

7. In respect of the alleged incident that had taken place on 02.07.2026, first information is belatedly submitted on 05.07.2026. In the first information itself it is stated that, after the amount of Rs.95,000/- was paid by the victim, the accused persons had given time to him to repay the balance. Therefore, I find some force in the contention urged by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the victim had borrowed a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- from the petitioner and towards repayment of the same, the amount of Rs.95,000/- was paid by him on 02.07.2026. Undisputedly, the victim has not suffered any injury in the alleged incident in question."

5. Petitioner is in custody in the present case from 18.07.2026 onwards. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. Considering the aforesaid aspects of



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the matter, 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 :

ORDER

The criminal petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.338 of 2026 registered by Marathahalli Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 140(2), 351(2), 352 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.



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- b) Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court 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

AMM
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 56