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NC: 2026:KHC:53438
CRL.P No. 13781 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. 13781 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

CHETHAN H.S,
(HIS NAME SHOWN
CHETHAN @ JAMES IN FIR)
S/O SUBHOKAR,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
R/AT AKKI PIKKI COLONY,
HOLAVANAHALLI HOBLI,
ARASAPURA POST,
KORATAGERE TALUK,
TUMAKURU DISTRICT - 571 432.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAJU C.N, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY KOORATAGERE POLICE,
BANGALORE, REPRESENTED BY SPP,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483
BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN
CRIME NO.175/2026 OF KORATAGERE POLICE TUMAKURU



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DISTRICT ON THE FILE OF THE CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC COURT, KORATAGERE FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 351(2), 77 OF BNS 66(D), 66(E), 67, 67(A), OF IT ACT BY ALLOWING THIS PETITION.

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 in Crime No.175 of 2026 registered by Koratagere Police Station, Tumakuru for the offences punishable under Section 351(2), 77 of BNS, 2023 and 66(D), 66(E), 67, 67(A) of Information Technology Act, 2000, 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.175 of 2026 was registered by Koratagere Police Station, Tumakuru for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 10.08.2026 received from victim lady



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aged 22 years. During the course of investigation, the petitioner was arrested on 11.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed in Crl.Misc.No.5306 of 2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 25.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would go to show that the first informant is a married lady having a son, aged 4 years. It is alleged that she got acquainted with the petitioner about 6 months prior to registration of FIR and subsequently, she had also given him money. It is further alleged that the petitioner called her over mobile phone and also threatened her, stating that he would inform her husband about the money transaction between them. He also allegedly asked her to make a naked video call and subsequently, he had recorded the said call. Thereafter, he allegedly forwarded said video to his friends and also uploaded the same in social media. It is under these circumstances, first informant had approached the



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police on 10.08.2026. The petitioner has been arrested in the present case on 11.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Major portion of the investigation is already completed.

5. Considering the nature of allegation found against the petitioner and the maximum punishment provided for the alleged offences. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

(i) The Criminal Petition is allowed.

(ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.175 of 2026 registered by Koratagere Police Station, Tumakuru for the offences punishable under Section 351(2), 77 of BNS, 2023 and 66(D), 66(E), 67, 67(A) of Information Technology Act, 2000, subject to the following conditions:



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- a) The 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;
- 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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