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NC: 2026:KHC:50870
CRL.P No. 14045 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 12547 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14045 OF 2026

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 12547 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 14045/2026:

BETWEEN:

MOHAMMED HUSSAIN
S/O AHAMMED BAVA
AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS
R/AT SHIVARATRESHWARA NAGARA
MYSURU CITY AND NEAR SHRIRAMA
SCHOOL, BAHADDUR NAGARA
KALLADKA TOWN, BANTWALA TALUK
D.K. DISTRICT - 574 211.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI ARUNA SYAM, LEARNED SR. COUNSEL FOR
SRI THARUN THARANATH POOJARI, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY SRIRANGAPATNA TOWN
POLICE STATION, REPRESENTED
BY SPP, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) CR.P.C
PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN
CR.NO.164/2026 IN FIR REGISTERED BY SRIRANGAPATNA POLICE
STATION, MANDYA DISTRICT, FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 61(2), 204,
316(5), 318(3), 335, 336(3), 340(2), 341 AND 190 OF BNS 2023
ADDL CIVIL JUDGE (Jr.Dn.) AND JMFC COURT S.R.PATNA MANDYA.

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IN CRL.P NO. 12547/2026:

BETWEEN:

NITHIN PREMANANDA MAHALE
S/O LATE PREMANANDA MAHALE
AGED ABOUT 37 YEARS
RESIDING AT SHIVARATHRESHWARA
NAGARA, MYSURU CITY
PERMANENT RESIDENT OF V.T. ROAD
SONARA KERE, BATWKALA TALUK
UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI P.P. HEGDE, LEARNED SR. COUNSEL FOR
SRI N. SURESH, ADV.,)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY SRIRANGAPATNA TOWN
POLICE STATION, MANDYA DISTRICT
REP BY HCGP, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS)
PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN
CRIME NO.164/2026 OF SRIRANGAPATNA TOWN POLICE
STATION, MANDYA DISTRICT, ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (JR.DN) AND
JMFC COURT, S.R.PATNA, MANDYA DISTRICT, FOR THE
OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 61(2), 204, 316(5),
318(3), 335, 336(3), 340(2), 341 READ WITH SECTION 190 OF
THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY



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ORAL ORDER

1. Accused nos.1 & 2 in Crime No.164/2026 registered by Srirangapatna Police Station, Mandya District, for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 204, 316(5), 318(3), 335, 336(3), 340(2), 341, 190 of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.
2. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
3. FIR in Crime No.164/2026 was registered by Srirangapatna Police Station, Mandya District, for the aforesaid offences against Nithin Premananda Mahale and others based on the first information dated 02.07.2026 received from Byatarayagowda.B.P., Police Officer attached to Lokayuktha Police, Mandya. In the said case, accused no.1 was arrested on 02.07.2026 and accused no.2 was arrested on 07.08.2026. Subsequently, they were remanded to judicial custody. Their bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court was rejected. Therefore, they are before this Court.



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4. Accused no.2 was working as Assistant Director of Land Records at Srirangapatna and accused no.1 was working as Data Entry Operator in the said office. According to the prosecution, accused no.2 and other accused persons named in the FIR who were working as Surveyors at Srirangapatna had engaged the services of accused no.1 and had permitted him to have access to official records of the department and also use the seal and official signatures of the officers.

5. Accused nos.3 to 10 who had approached this Court in Crl.P.Nos.11931/2026, 11599/2026, 12075/2026, 12016/2026, 11872/2026, 11685/2026, 12111/2026 & 11899/2026, have been granted regular bail by this Court.

6. It is not in dispute that petitioners herein do not have any criminal antecedents. Accused no.2 is a Government servant and accused no.1 was working in the office at his instance. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. The alleged offences are triable by the Court of Magistrate and the maximum punishment for the alleged offences is imprisonment for a period of seven years. The allegations found against the



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accused persons are all based on documentary evidence, which is in the custody of the department. Accused no.2 is now suspended from service. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioners' for grant of regular bail is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

7. The petitions are allowed. The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.164/2026 registered by Srirangapatna Police Station, Mandya District, for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 204, 316(5), 318(3), 335, 336(3), 340(2), 341, 190 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

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

b) The petitioners shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their 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 petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future;

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

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

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