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NC: 2026:KHC:54749
CRL.P No. 14756 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14756 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. GIRISHA A
S/O ANANDAGIRI B.N
AGED 31 YEARS
R/AT BANNIKUPPE VILLAGE
KAILANCHA HOBLI
RAMANGARA TALUK
BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK.

...PETITIONER

(BY MS. ANITHA S.M. PATIL, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. RAVI SHANKAR K, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BIDADI POLICE,
RAMANAGARA DIST.,
REP., BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482
BNSS) PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 07.09.2026
PASSED BY THE LEARNED I ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND



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SESSIONS JUDGE, RAMANAGARA, IN CRL. MISC. NO. 609/2026, AND ALLOW THE PETITION; AND DIRECT THAT, IN THE EVENT OF ARREST OF THE PETITIONER IN CRIME NO. 254/2026 REGISTERED BY THE BIDADI POLICE STATION, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT, FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 351(2), 336(3), 336(2), 340(1), 352, 316(2), 318(4), READ WITH SECTION 3(5) OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, HE SHALL BE RELEASED ON BAIL.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

The petitioner, who is apprehending arrest in Crime No.254/2026 registered by Bidadi Police Station, Bengaluru South District, for the offences punishable under Sections 351(2), 336(3), 336(2), 340(1), 352, 316(2), 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023 is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.



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3. FIR in Crime No.254/2026 was registered by Bidadi Police Station, Bengaluru South District for the aforesaid offences against Yellamma and others, based on the first information dated 24.07.2026 received from Sri. Shankar S/o. Late Chinnappa. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.609/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 07.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information dated 24.07.2026 received from Sri Shankar would go to show that one Ramegowda has filed a civil suit in O.S.No.159/2025 against the first informant, Shankar. It appears that the advocate appearing for Shankar before the Trial Court in the aforesaid suit had instructed him to secure certain documents and for the said purpose, Shankar had allegedly contacted accused No.6- Narasimhamurthy, who had assured to provide him the necessary documents and had collected a sum of Rs.13,00,000/- from him. Subsequently, an attempt was



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made by accused No.6 to furnish fraudulent documents and it is under these circumstances, FIR came to be registered in the present case.

5. Accused No.6, who was arrested in the present case, has been granted regular bail by this Court in CrI.P.No.14249/2026 vide order dated 23.09.2026. Accused Nos.1 to 4 have been granted anticipatory bail by this Court vide order dated 01.10.2026 passed in CrI.P.No.14663/2026.

6. The petitioner, who is working as a computer operator in the Taluk Office at Ramanagar Taluk appears to have received an enquiry notice based on the confession statement of accused No.6-Narasimhamurthy. Undisputedly, the petitioner has no other criminal antecedents and he has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. His name is not found in the FIR.



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7. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following :

ORDER

i) The criminal petition is ***allowed***.

ii) The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioner in the event of his arrest in Crime No.254/2026 registered by Bidadi Police Station, Bengaluru South District for the offences punishable under Sections 351(2), 336(3), 336(2), 340(1), 352, 316(2), 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The 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



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sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

- b) The petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.
- c) The petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.
- d) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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