



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHAMMAD NAWAZ

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.15495 OF 2025 (439(Cr.PC)
/483(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

MR.NOOR AHMED
S/O. LATE KHAJA HUSEN,
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS, R/AT. NO. 04/172,
R.C. NAGARA, MANTRALAYLA,
KURNOOL DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH,
NOW IN CENTRAL PRISON, PINCODE-518345.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI.NARAYANA SWAMY G, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY
SUBRAMANYANAGARA P.S.,
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDING, BENGALURU-560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.K.RAHUL RAI, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 483 OF BNSS, PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PETITION BY GRANTING BAIL TO THE PETITIONER IN PURSUANCE OF S.C NO.1314/2022 REGISTERED BY SUBRAMANAYA NAGAR P.S PENDING BEFORE 60 ADDL.CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU (CCH-61) FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 120(B), 364, 302, 201 R/W. 34 OF THE IPC 1860, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MOHAMMAD NAWAZ

VIJAYALAKSHMI
M KANKUPPI


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VIJAYALAKSHMI M
KANKUPPI
Location: HIGHCOURT OF
KARNATAKA DHARWAD
BENCH DHARWAD



ORAL ORDER

This is a successive bail petition preferred by accused No.2 praying to enlarge him on bail in S.C.No.1314/2022 pending on the file of LX Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that this Court while dismissing Criminal petition No.1759/2024 vide order dated 21.06.2024, directed the trial Court to complete the trial within 9 months, however even after 20 months, the trial has not been completed. He contended that the prosecution has added 14 additional witnesses apart from 42 witnesses cited in the charge sheet and therefore, there is an inordinate delay in conclusion of the trial. He contended that the petitioner was arrested on 25.11.2021 and he is in judicial custody for more than 4 years 2 months. Hence, he prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail by imposing any conditions.

3. Learned High Court Government Pleader contended that the trial is at the fag end and the petitioner



has approached this Court seven times and this Court has declined to release the petitioner on bail, considering the nature and gravity of the offence committed and the evidence collected against the petitioner. He contended that the petitioner even approached the Hon'ble Apex Court and withdrew the petition. He further submitted that if the petitioner is granted bail, he may flee from justice.

4. This Court on more than one occasion has considered the prayer of the petitioner for bail on merits and in view of the *prima facie* materials collected against him, has rejected his prayer seeking bail. In Criminal petition Nos.1759/2024 dated 21.06.2024, trial Court was directed to complete the trial within 9 months from the date of receipt of certificate copy of the order. The trial is not completed within the said period. However, the petitioner unsuccessfully approached this Court subsequent to the said order, in Criminal Petition Nos.1864/2025, 8449/2025 and 9392/2025. He was permitted to file a fresh petition before the Sessions Court on changed circumstances. The learned Sessions Judge vide order dated 22.09.2025, has rejected



the bail petition, opining that there is no changed circumstances. The reason for the delay has been stated and it is also observed by the learned Sessions Judge that the Court is making all efforts to complete the trial expeditiously.

5. In view of the submission made by the learned High Court Government Pleader that the trial is at the fag end and only 4 witnesses are left to be examined and out of them, 3 witnesses will be examined today, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail. Hence, the petition is **dismissed**.

SD/-
(MOHAMMAD NAWAZ)
JUDGE

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List No.: 19 Sl No.: 5