



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16243 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

IMRAN K Y,
S/O YUSAF SAB,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
R/O DOOR NO. 524, 1ST MAIN,
9TH CROSS, AZAD NAGARA,
DAVANAGERE, KARNATAKA 577001.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT SAROJA H M, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI KRISHNA P J, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
THROUGH EXTENSION POLICE STATION,
DAVANAGERE, REPRESENTED THROUGH
THE LEARNED STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
AMBEDKAR VEEDHI, BENGALURU 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RANGASWAMY R, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.438 (FILED U/S.482 BNSS)
CR.P.C BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING
THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO
ENLARGE THE PETITIONER HEREIN ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN
THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST AT THE HANDS OF THE
RESPONDENTS IN RELATION TO MATTER BEARING CRIME
NO.54/2025 REGISTERED WITH THE EXTENSION POLICE
STATION, DAVANAGERE FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCE
U/S.358,418,420,468,469,375,464 OF IPC 1860 PENDING ON

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Location:
HIGH COURT
OF
KARNATAKA



THE FILE OF THE II ADDL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC COURT,
DAVANAGERE AND ETC.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE

ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the
petitioner and the learned High Court Government Pleader
for the respondent/State.

2. The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in
connection with the complaint registered in Crime
No.0054/2025 before the Davangere City Sub-Divisional
Police Station.

3. The private complaint is ordered to be
investigated by the Judicial Magistrate First Class,
Davangere. It is alleged that the petitioner named as
accused No.1 in the complaint, has forged the
complainant's signature on the pay slip and availed loan
projecting the complainant as a surety for the loan availed



by the petitioner. And in this behalf, a private complaint is filed and same is ordered to be investigated.

4. The Sessions Court has rejected the application seeking anticipatory bail on the premise that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are serious and there is a likelihood of petitioner absconding or destroying the evidence in the event of bail being granted.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that this is the first criminal case filed against the petitioner and there is no apprehension of petitioner destroying the evidence because, the alleged evidence is already with the Bank in which the petitioner is alleged to have availed loan. It is further submitted that petitioner has not committed any offence and false case is levelled against the petitioner.

6. Learned High Court Government Pleader would submit that pursuant to the direction issued by the Judicial Magistrate First Class, Davangere the police have issued notice to the petitioner and petitioner has appeared before



the police station once and investigation was not complete. The petitioner was asked to come on other occasions for interrogation and he did not turn up. Thus he would urge that the petitioner may not cooperate for the investigation and it is not a fit case to grant anticipatory bail.

7. The Court has considered the contentions raised at the Bar and perused the records.

8. On perusal of the complaint, it can be noticed that the complaint is filed against the petitioner alleging that he has forged the pay slip of the complainant and based on that, he has availed loan and projected the complainant as the surety. The complainant has stated that the signatures on the pay slip and other documents are not his signatures and even the pay slip is also fabricated and complainant's photo from the WhatsApp profile is misused to create a document relating to surety. Thus, has alleged that the petitioner is guilty of offences



under Section 318(4), 318(3), 319, 335, 336, 336(3), 336(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

9. On going through the contents of the complaint, it can be gathered that the offence said to have been committed by the petitioner is on record. The alleged documents are said to be with the financial institutions where the petitioner is said to have availed loan projecting the complainant as surety.

10. This being the position, this Court is the view that anticipatory bail has to be granted to the petitioner subject to the following conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

- (i) 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.0054/2025 registered by Davanagere City Sub-Divisional Police Station for the offences



punishable under Sections 358, 418, 420, 468, 469, 375 and 464 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 pending on the file of II Additional JMFC, Davangere, 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 sum of ₹1,00,000/- (One lakh only) with two sureties for the like sum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.
- (b) Petitioner shall not tamper the evidence, shall cooperate for investigation and shall appear before the police station whenever called upon when his presence is required.

Sd/-
(ANANT RAMANATH HEGDE)
JUDGE