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CRL.P No. 8389 of 2026

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 8389 OF 2026**

**BETWEEN:**

PUNITH KUMAR
S/O ERANNA,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
R/AT NO.12/02, 2ND CROSS,
VENKATESHAPPA LAYOUT, L.R. BANDE,
NEAR NISARGA BAR, SHAMPUR,
BENGALURU - 560 094.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MURALIDHARA G.S, ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY D.J. HALLI POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU, REPRESENTED BY
THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. PREM J
S/O LATE JAISHEELAN
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
NO.4, 1ST CROSS, ADARSHNAGAR
R.T. NAGAR POST, BANGALORE - 560 002.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP FOR R1;
R2 - SERVED BUT UNREPRESENTED)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PETITION AND ENLARGE THE

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.4 ON REGULAR BAIL IN SPL.C.C. NO.124/2024 ARISING OUT OF CRIME NO. 162/2023 OF D.J. HALLI POLICE STATION FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 120B, 109, 114, 302, 201, 204 R/W 34, 36, 37, 149 OF IPC AND SEC.3(1), 3(2), 3(3) AND 3(4) OF THE KARNATAKA CONTROL OF ORGANIZED CRIMES ACT 2000 AND SEC.3(2)(v) OF SC/ST (POA) AC T P EN DING ON THE FILE OF THE PRINCIPAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU, FOR THE OFFENCES ALLEGED THEREIN.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

**ORAL ORDER**

Learned counsel for the petitioner after arguing the matter for some time submits that at this stage this petition may be dismissed as not pressed with liberty to the petitioner to file a fresh bail application before the Trial Court if the trial in the case is not commenced within a reasonable period.

2. Learned High Court Government Pleader submits that he shall give necessary instructions to the public prosecutor.

3. Petitioner aged 19 years who is said to have no other criminal antecedents is in judicial custody from 14.07.2023 onwards.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even on this date the case before the Trial Court is at the stage of hearing before framing charges.

5. Under the circumstances, the following:-

**ORDER**

Criminal petition is dismissed as not pressed with liberty to the petitioner to renew his bail application before the Trial Court in the event trial is not commenced within the reasonable period from the date the copy of this order is received by the Trial Court.

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

VS
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 48