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CRL.P No. 13180 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 13180 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. VIGNESH KUMAR R
S/O LATE RAMESH KUMAR B.,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
R/OF C/O MUNIYAPPA,
BANDE ROAD, NEAR SRS BUILDING,
ITTIGE, BENGALURU CITY - 577 221.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SHRIVATSA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA THROUGH
BAGALURU POLICE STATION,
REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN S.C.NO.15005/2026 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE V ADDL.DIST. AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL SITTING AT DEVANAHALLI, REGISTERED FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCE P/U/S 238, 111, 309(4) OF BNS 2023 REGISTERED BY THE BAGALURU P.S.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused in SC.No.15005/2026 pending on the file of V Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural, sitting at Devanahalli, arising out of Crime No.178/2025 registered by Bagalur Police Station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Section 238, 111, 309(4) of BNS, 2023 is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR.No.178/2025 was registered by Bagalur Police Station for offence punishable under Section 309(4) of BNS, 2023 against an unknown person, based on the first information dated 01.08.2025 received from Sri.Somanatha S. s/o Shanthappa, who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation of the said case, the petitioner was arrested

on 25.09.2025 and remanded to judicial custody. After completing the investigation, charge sheet has been filed for the aforesaid offence. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in SC.No.15005/2026 was rejected on 24.03.2026, therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information as well as the charge sheet filed against the petitioner in the present case reveals that the allegation against him is that on 30.07.2025 he had engaged the services of a Rapido Cab, of which the first informant was the driver. After the first informant had dropped the petitioner at his drop location, he had demanded Rs.157/- towards the bill amount. The petitioner allegedly snatched the mobile phone and Rs.400/- from the pocket of the first informant along with his Bluetooth device and thereafter escaped. The total value of the articles robbed was Rs.21,400/-. The investigation of the case is now completed and the charge sheet is filed.

5. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the petitioner is a person with criminal antecedents, and a perusal of the list of criminal cases registered against the petitioner reveals that all those cases relate to the period from 2020 to 2022. It is not in dispute that in those cases he has been granted bail. Insofar as the present case is concerned, before the trial Court it is at the stage of framing of charges. Therefore, the chances of the case being heard and disposed of on merits in the near future is very remote.

6. The alleged offences against the petitioner are not exclusively punishable with life imprisonment. The petitioner, who is a youngster has undertaken to co-operate with the trial Court for the expeditious disposal of the case registered against him.

7. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter, I am of the opinion that prayer for grant of bail is to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions:

ORDER

The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in SC.No.15005/2026 pending on the file of V Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural, sitting at Devanahalli, arising out of Crime No.178/2025 registered by Bagalur Police Station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Section 238, 111, 309(4) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

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

b) The petitioner shall appear before the Station House Officer of Bagalur Police Station, Bengaluru, on every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month between 10.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. and mark his attendance regularly till the present case registered against him is disposed of.

c) The petitioner shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts his appearance for valid reasons;

d) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

e) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future;

f) The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against him is disposed off.

g) Violation of any one of the conditions mentioned hereinabove would result in automatic cancellation of bail granted to the petitioner.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
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