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CRL.P No. 13927 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 13927 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. RAKSASHITH
S/O RAJEGOWDA,
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS,
R/T NEAR THANNIRAHALLA,
VIJAYANGARA, SIDDESHWARA ITI CO,
HASSAN TOWN - 573 201.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RENSPRE PRITHESH DSOUZA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH WOMEN POLICE STATION ,
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT,
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
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 BNNS) PRAYING TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL CONDITIONALLY PENDING TRIAL IN S.C.NO.03/2026 FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 64(2)(m), 62, 115(2), 75, 308, 351(2) R/W 3(5) OF BNS, 2023 AND SEC.67, 67(A) AND 66(E) OF IT

ACT, 2008, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE I ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, CHITRADURGA WHICH IS REGISTERED IN PURSUANCE OF CRIME NO.0103/2025 OF WOMEN POLICE STATION CHITRADURGA.

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 No.2 in SC No.3 of 2026 pending before the Court of I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Chitradurga, arising out Crime No.103 of 2025 registered by Chitradurga Women Police Station, Chitradurga for the offences punishable under Section 64(2)(m), 62, 115(2), 87, 75, 308, 351(2) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 67, 67(A) and 66(E) of Information Technology Act, 2008, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.103 of 2025 was registered by Chitradurga Women Police Station, Chitradurga for the aforesaid offences against Udayakumar and petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 22.08.2025 received from Sahera Banu. In the said case, petitioner herein was arrested on 23.08.2025 and remanded to judicial custody. After completing investigation, charge sheet is filed against two persons and petitioner is arrayed as accused No.2 in the charge sheet. His bail application filed before the Trial Court in SC No.3 of 2026 was rejected on 17.03.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information as well as the charge sheet filed in the present case would reveal that accused Nos.1 and 2 are friends. On 30.06.2025, when the victim girl-CW2 was at KSRTC Bus Stand at Chitradurga, accused No.1-Udaykumar met her and took her to Pune in Maharashtra State, wherein he was working as a cook in a hotel. Accused No.1 allegedly confined the victim girl in a room at a hotel in Pune for the period from 01.07.2025 to

05.07.2025 and had forcibly intercourse with her against her wishes. Subsequently, on 05.07.2025, he had sent the victim girl-CW2 back to Chitradurga by train. On 06.07.2025, accused No.2 had picked up the victim girl-CW2 from the railway station and thereafter, took her to an isolated place and tried to have sexual intercourse with her. When she resisted, he allegedly removed her clothes and thereafter, videographed the victipm in his mobile phone. Subsequently, it is alleged that accused Nos.1 and 2 threatened the victim girl-CW2 stating that, they would forward the said videos and demanded a sum of Rs.25,000/- from her.

5. Undisputedly, there is no allegations against the petitioner about he having forcibly sexual intercourse with victim girl-CW2. Such an allegation is found in the charge sheet only against accused No.1.

6. Petitioner is in custody in the present case from 23.03.2025 onwards. Considering the nature of allegations

found against the petitioner in the charge sheet and also the period of his incarceration, his prayer for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

O R D E R

(i) The Criminal Petition is allowed.

(ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in SC No.3 of 2026 pending before the Court of I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Chitradurga, arising out Crime No.103 of 2025 registered by Chitradurga Women Police Station, Chitradurga for the offences punishable under Section 64(2)(m), 62, 115(2), 75, 308, 87, 351(2) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and Section 67, 67(A) and 66(E) of Information Technology Act, 2008, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one

surety for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) 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;

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

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

e) 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.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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