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CRL.P No. 13959 of 2026
CNR: KAHC010621452026

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. 13959 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. RAJESH
S/O SURESH
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
R/A GANAPATHY TEMPLE,
MOGARAHALLI MANDI VILLAGE,
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK,
MANDYA DISTRICT - 571 438.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. KULKARNI SHRINATH, ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY PANDAVAPURA POLICE STATION,
MANDYA DISTRICT,
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.P.C (U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN CR.NO.89/2026 (CC.NO.484/2026) REGISTERED BY THE

RESPONDENT IN PANDAVAPURA P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 179 AND 180 OF BNS, 2023, U/S 20(b)(ii)(B) OF NDPS ACT, 1985, PENDING BEFORE THE HONBLE CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) AND JMFC, PANDAVAPURA.

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.1 in Crime No.89/2026 registered by Pandavapura Police Station, Srirangapatna Sub-Division, Mandya, for offences punishable under Sections 179 and 180 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985, 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 in Crime No.89/2026 registered by Pandavapura Police Station, Srirangapatna Sub-Division, Mandya, for offences punishable under Sections 179 and 180 of BNS, 2023, against the petitioner herein, based on

the first information dated 11.03.2026 received from Prasanna Kumar A.N., Police Constable attached to Pandavapura Police Station, Mandya. In the said case, the petitioner was arrested on 11.03.2026 and subsequently remanded to judicial custody. After completing the investigation, the charge sheet is filed against two persons. The petitioner is arrayed as accused No.1 in the charge sheet. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.5235/2026 was rejected on 13.07.2026, therefore, he is before this Court.

4. Based on credible information received to the effect that the petitioner was supposed to arrive at a particular location within the jurisdiction of Pandavapura Police Station, Srirangapatna Sub-Division, Mandya, for the purpose of delivering counterfeit notes, the FIR was registered against the petitioner and subsequently raid was conducted, and the petitioner was apprehended and from his possession counterfeit notes of Rs.500/-

denomination totally amounting to Rs.2,45,000/- were recovered and seized under a panchnama. The investigation of the case was subsequently completed and the charge sheet is filed against two persons. As per the charge sheet allegations, the Police had apprehended the petitioner, who had arrived on a motorbike bearing Registration No.KA-09-JT-7103 and from his possession counterfeit notes, as aforesaid, were recovered and seized under a panchnama.

5. Material on record would go to show that the petitioner had arrived at the spot, at the instance of accused No.2 for the purpose of circulating the counterfeit notes which were in his possession. It is brought to the notice of this Court by learned HCGP that the petitioner is a person with criminal antecedents and there are three more similar cases registered against him for offences punishable under Sections 179 and 180 of BNS, 2023. The alleged offences are punishable with life imprisonment.

The petitioner who was granted regular bail in the earlier cases, has indulged in committing similar offences. Therefore, I am of the opinion that his prayer for grant of regular bail is liable to be rejected at this stage. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i. The Criminal Petition is ***dismissed.***

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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