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CRL.P No. 14157 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14157 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. JAYAKUMAR.V
S/O. VENKATAPPA
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
PROPRIETOR OF JR PROPERTIES
R/A. NO.AA 07, CONCORDE SILICON VALLEY
ELECTRONIC CITY, BENGALURU - 560 100.

…PETITIONER

(BY SRI. NISHIT KUMAR SHETTY, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY SIDDAPURA POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BANGALORE - 560 001.

…RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL, IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CR.NO.56/2023 OF SIDDAPURA POLICE STATION REGISTERED FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 406, 409, 420, 149 OF IPC AND U/S 13(1)(A) R/W 13(2) OF THE PC ACT 1988, PENDING ON THE

FILE OF THE XXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE (PC ACT) BENGALURU (CCH NO.24).

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Petitioner who is apprehending arrest in crime No.56/2023 registered by Siddapura Police Station, Bengaluru for offences punishable under Sections 406, 409, 420, 149 of IPC and Section 13(1)(A) r/w Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.56/2023 was registered by Siddapura Police Station, Bengaluru for offences punishable under Sections 406, 409, 420, 149 of IPC against Saraswathi and others, based on the First

Information Dated 18.03.2023 received from Suryakalavathi.K.N wife of Krishna. Apprehending arrest in the case, petitioner had approached the Jurisdictional Sessions Court in Criminal Misc.No.7691/2026 which was rejected on 31.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. Material on record would go to show that petitioners name is not found in the FIR. It is not in dispute that during the course of investigation, several accused were arrested in the present case and they were all enlarged on bail. At no stage petitioners name was mentioned in the remand application of the arrested accused. After a lapse of 3 years, for the first time, enquiry notice has been issued against the petitioner, alleging that certain amount was transferred to his bank account from the bank account of Accused Nos.7 and 8 named in the FIR, namely New Dreams Enterprises and Anika Enterprises. Similarly situated, other accused persons who had received money from the account of

Accused Nos.7 and 8 have been granted anticipatory bail by the Jurisdictional Sessions Court in Criminal Misc.No.2647/2025.

5. Submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has no other criminal antecedents, which is not seriously disputed by learned High Court Government Pleader. The alleged offences are not exclusively punishable with death or imprisonment for life. Petitioner has undertaken to co operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Under the circumstances following:-

ORDER

The Criminal Petition is allowed.

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.56/2023 registered by Siddapura Police Station, Bengaluru for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 409, 420, 149 of IPC and

Section 13(1)(A) r/w Section 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, subject to the following conditions:

1. 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 Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

2. Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

3. Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

4. The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

VS
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 50