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CRL.P No. 14183 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010639352026

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. 14183 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

LOKESH M @ CHETHAN LOKESH
S/O MAHADEVU
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS,
R/A NO. S-2, 2ND FLOOR,
NO. 1034, BALAJI RESIDENCY,
BEML LAYOUT, RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR
BENGALURU - 560 098

ALSO AT R/A NO. 56, 4TH CROSS,
SRI. RAMA TEMPLE ROAD,
NEAR NANJUNDESHWARA MEDICAL,
HOSAKEREHALLI, BSK III STAGE,
BENGALURU - 560 085.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MOHAN KUMAR M.E, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER
RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR POLICE STATION,
BANGAORE - 560 098
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BANGALORE - 570 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) OF CR.P.C PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL PENDING FILE ON HONBLE XLVI ADDL CJM BENGALURU IN CR.NO.211/2026 OF RAJARAJESHWARINAGAR POLICE

STATION FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 64, 351(2), 352 OF BNS BY ALLOWING THIS PETITION.

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 Crime No.211/2026 registered by Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Police Station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Sections 127(3), 64(2)(m), 351(2), 352 of BNS, 2023 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. 211/2026 was registered by Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Police Station, Bengaluru, against the petitioner herein for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 351(2), 352 of BNS, 2023, based on the first information dated 25.06.2026 received from the victim girl, aged 30 years, who is the sister of the petitioner's

wife. In the said case, the petitioner was arrested on 10.07.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No. 6968/2026 was rejected on 19.08.2026; therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information dated 24.06.2026 submitted by the victim girl before Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Police Station, Bengaluru, on 25.06.2026, she has stated that the petitioner is her elder sister's husband. After the petitioner came to know that the victim girl had a boyfriend, he allegedly was blackmailing her. On 12.06.2026, the petitioner allegedly had taken the victim girl to Ooty on a business trip, and he allegedly had sexual intercourse with her against her wishes in the hotel room where they had stayed. She has also stated that her debit card and other cards are in the possession of the petitioner, and the petitioner has also taken blank signed signatures of the victim girl and her elder sister.

5. Investigation of the case is now completed and the charge sheet is filed. During the course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner has produced a copy of the complaint filed by the petitioner's wife, who is the elder sister of the victim. The said complaint dated 24.06.2026 was filed before the police alleging that the petitioner had taken a loan in the name of his wife and also in the name of the victim girl and was ill-treating them. Except for the said allegation, there is no allegation of committing any kind of sexual assault on the victim girl as alleged in the present complaint. Though the present complaint is also dated 24.06.2026, the same was submitted before the Police only on 25.06.2026; that is, after the complaint of the petitioner's wife.

6. In the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 183 of the BNSS, 2023, she has stated that her sister and parents were aware of the sexual assault made by the petitioner even prior to the registration of the

FIR in the present case. However, in the complaint lodged by the sister of the victim girl, who is the wife of the petitioner, there is no such allegation of any kind of sexual assault by the petitioner on the victim girl. Considering the nature of the allegations found in the complaint filed by the petitioner's wife and also the complaint filed by her sister who is the victim in the case, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

The criminal petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.211/2026 registered by Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Police Station, Bengaluru, for offences punishable under Sections 127(3), 64(2)(m), 351(2), 352 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 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)
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