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NC: 2026:KHC:55140
CRL.P No. 14659 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010653302026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14659 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. SRI RAVI KUMAR H. G.,
S/O GANESHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HONNENAHALLI VILLAGE,
SAKKARAYAPATTANA HOBLI, KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 175.

2. SMT. VEENA,
W/O RAVI KUMAR H. G.,
AGED ABOUT 21 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HONNENAHALLI VILLAGE,
SAKKARAYAPATTANA HOBLI, KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 175.

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3. SRI GANESHAPPA,
S/O LATE DODDAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 73 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HONNENAHALLI VILLAGE,
SAKKARAYAPATTANA HOBLI, KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 175.

4. SMT.RAJAMMA,
W/O GANESHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 58 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HONNENAHALLI VILLAGE,
SAKKARAYAPATTANA HOBLI, KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 175

5. SRI SURESH,
S/O SIDDAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS,
RESIDING AT
GUDDEHALLI VILLAGE,
UDUGERE HOBLI,
KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 140.

6. SMT.LATHAMANI,
W/O SURESH K. S.,
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS,
RESIDING AT
GUDDEHALLI VILLAGE,
UDUGERE HOBLI,
KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 140.

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SOMASHEKHARAIAH.R.P., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE BY
SAKKARAYAPATTANA POLICE STATION,
KADUR TALUK,
CHICKMAGALURU DISTRICT - 577 175.

REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOVUR POLICE STATION,
SPSR NELLORE DISTRICT,
ANDHRA PRADESH - 472 001.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONERS PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO GRANT TRANSIT ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN CRIME NO.156/2026 REGISTERED BY THE KAVUR POLICE SPSR NELLOR DISTRICT IN ANDHRA PRADESH FOR THE OFFENCES U/S 85 OF BNS AND SECTION 3 AND 4 OF THE DP ACT.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Petitioners are before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.156 of 2026 of Kovur Police Station, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh State for offences punishable under Section 85 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard Sri.Somashekaraiah.R.P., learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Sri.Channappa Erappa, learned HCGP appearing for respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that FIR in the present case has been registered based on the complaint received from Smt.Manjula who is a total stranger to the petitioners herein. Petitioners who have a good case on merits intend to approach the jurisdictional Court at Andhra Pradesh seeking anticipatory bail. Since they are apprehending arrest at the hands of the Respondent-Police or any other Police on their way to Andhra Pradesh, this petition is filed seeking transit anticipatory bail for a limited period so as to enable the petitioners to approach the jurisdictional Court at Andhra Pradesh.

4. Learned HCGP fairly does not oppose the bail petition, considering the nature of the allegations found against the accused persons.

5. The law regarding grant of transit anticipatory bail has been laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Priya Indoria Vs. State of Karnataka and***

others reported in ***(2024)4 SCC 749***. Considering the submissions made on behalf of the petitioners and also the nature of allegations found against them, I am of the opinion that if some protection is given to the petitioners for a limited period so as to enable them to approach the jurisdictional Court at Andhra Pradesh seeking anticipatory bail, the same would meet the ends of justice. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

1. Criminal Petition is ***allowed.***
2. Petitioners are granted transit anticipatory bail for a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.
3. The Respondent-Police or any other Police are directed to release the petitioners, in the event of their arrest in Crime No.156 of 2026 registered by Kovur Police Station, SPSR Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh State, for offences punishable under Section 85 of BNS,

2023 and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioners shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only), each with one surety for the like-sum, to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer.

b) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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