HC-KAR

NC: 2026:KHC:59713
CRL.P No. 14746 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010660032026

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. 14746 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

RAHUL C,
S/O CHANDRASHEKAR,
AGED 21 YEARS,
RESIDING AT SIRI NILAYA
SHANTHILAL LAYOUT,
RAMANAGARA TOWN,
BENGALURU SOUTH - 562 159

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PARTHA SARATHY M, ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by NANDINI D
Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

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

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE HIM ON BAIL IN CR.NO.35/2026 IJOOR P.S. FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 103(1) AND 3(5) OF BNS ON THE FILE OF THE PRL.SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND C.J.M RAMANAGARA IN THE ABOVE CASE.

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 Crime No.35/2026 registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara Town Circle, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 249(a), 324(4), 51 read with Section 3(5) of the BNS, 2023 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. 35/2026 was registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara Town Circle, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1) read with Section 3(5) of the BNS, 2023, against Naveen and others, based on the first information dated 18.05.2026 received from Smt. Divya, wife of the deceased, Yogesh.

In the said case, the petitioner was arrested on 22.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the Jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.617/2026 was rejected on 05.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information as well as the charge sheet which is now filed in the present case would reveal that accused No.1 to 3 and the deceased, Yogesh, were close friends. On 17.05.2026, accused No.1 to 3 and the deceased, Yogesh Kumar, had consumed liquor in a bar and restaurant. It appears that when they were consuming alcohol in the bar and restaurant, Yogesh had called his wife and asked her to send money, but she had refused. Subsequently, accused No.1 also had called the wife of Yogesh and had requested her to give the car key, but she had refused. On the next day, i.e., on 18.05.2026, the dead body of Yogesh was recovered, and since his wife

suspected the hand of accused No.1 and others, FIR was registered against Naveen and others.

5. Undisputedly, the petitioner's name is not found in the FIR. As per the charge sheet allegations, while accused No.1 to 3 were consuming alcohol with Yogesh, he started abusing accused No. 1, and therefore accused No.3 instructed accused No.1 and 2 to assault Yogesh. Subsequently, accused No.1 and 2 took Yogesh along with them, and in an isolated place they quarreled with Yogesh, assaulted him and committed his murder. As per the charge sheet allegations, accused No. 1 had assaulted Yogesh with a brick on his head, and the allegation against the petitioner is that he had assaulted the deceased with his hands. The post-mortem report of the deceased, Yogesh, would go to show that the death was as a result of head injury. The head injury suffered by Yogesh corresponds to the assault made by accused No. 1.

6. Material on record would go to show that the petitioner, aged 21 years, is a student pursuing his final year B.Com Degree course. It is not in dispute that he has no other criminal antecedents. Continued detention of the petitioner in custody may have an adverse impact on his mindset and future career. Accused No.3 has been granted regular bail by the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.437/2026 vide order dated 06.07.2026. Under the circumstances, the following:

ORDER

The criminal petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.35/2026 registered by Ijoor Police Station, Ramanagara Town Circle, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 249(a), 324(4), 51 read with Section 3(5) of the 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)
JUDGE

TIN
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 81