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CRL.P No. 14834 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 14841 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14834 OF 2026

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 14841 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 14834/2026

BETWEEN:

NANDISH. V @ GUNDA,
S/O. VENKATARAVANAPPA
AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS,
R/AT. SHILLANGERE VILLAGE,
HUTHUR HOBLI, KOLAR TALUK,
KOLAR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. K. VISHWANATHA, ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
KOLAR RURAL POLICE STATION, KOLAR.
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT COMPLEX,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN CR. NO. 321/2026 OF RESPONDENT KOLAR RURAL POLICE

STATION FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES PUNISHABLE U/S. 140(2), 311, 351(3), 3(5) OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITHA (BNS), 2023, PENDING ON THE FILE OF I ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR. DIV) AND CJM COURT, KOLAR, KOLAR DISTRICT.

IN CRL.P NO. 14841/2026

BETWEEN:

VENU.S @ REDDY
S/O. LATE SHANKARAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,
R/AT. SHILLANGERE VILLAGE,
HUTHUR HOBLI, KOLAR TALUK,
KOLAR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. K. VISHWANATHA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused Nos.4 and 6 in crime No.321/2026 registered by Kolar Rural Police Station, Kolar for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 311, 351(3) read with Section 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('BNS' for short) are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in crime No.321/2026 registered by Kolar Rural Police Station, Kolar against Praveen and others based on first information dated 19.07.2026 received from Sonnappa, who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation, accused Nos.4 and 6 were arrested on 20.07.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Their bail

application thereafter filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court was rejected. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would reveal that persons named in the FIR were known to the first informant. Undisputedly, petitioners name is not found in the FIR. During the pendency of this petition, charge sheet has been filed in the present case against seven persons. Petitioners are arrayed as accused Nos.4 and 6 in the charge sheet. As per the charge sheet allegation, accused No.7, Tharun, whose name is found in the FIR is the relative of CW1- Sonnappa. Accused No.7 had earlier borrowed money from CW1 and since CW1 had demanded repayment, accused No.7 had vengeance against him. He therefore, had hatched a plan to rob CW1 and accordingly, contacted the other accused and represented to them that CW1 has got a treasure and under these circumstances accused No.1 to 7 conspired to rob CW1.

5. In furtherance of said conspiracy, on 18.07.2026, accused persons had kidnapped CW1 and had taken him in car and demanded payment of Rs.10,00,000/-. They allegedly had

assaulted him with hands and cricket wickets and had extracted total amount of Rs.5,10,000/- from him, which was allegedly transferred by CW1 through bank transaction and phone pay. The petitioners, who were arrested during the course of investigation have no other criminal antecedents. They allegedly had accompanied accused Nos.1 and 7. During the course of investigation, the money that was received by the petitioners herein from accused Nos.1 and 7 has been recovered. Investigation of the case is now completed.

6. Having regard to the aforesaid aspects of the matter, I am of the opinion that prayer made by the petitioners for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

(i) The petition is ***allowed***. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.321/2026 of Kolar Rural Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 311, 351(3) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioners shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

d) The petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future;

e) The petitioners shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against them is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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