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CRL.P No. 14963 of 2026

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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. 14963 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

BOYA DINESH KUMAR
S/O. BOYA AMARNATH,
AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS,
R/AT NO.4-1-323-A,
6TH ROAD, ANANTAPUR,
ANANTAPUR DISTRICT,
ANDHRA PRADESH - 515 001.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. S. VIDYA, ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY MICO LAYOUT POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU,
REP. BY THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PRESENT CRIMINAL PETITION AND GRANT BAIL TO THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.1 IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO.210/2026 REGISTERED

BY MICO LAYOUT POLICE STATION, BENGALURU, FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 108 OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE HIM ON BAIL.

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.1 in Crime No.210/2026 registered by Mico Layout Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offence punishable under Section 108 of BNS, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of the BNSS, 2023, seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for parties.

3. FIR in Crime No. 210/2026 was registered by Mico Layout Police Station, Bengaluru, for the aforesaid offence against the petitioner and his family members, based on the first information dated 13.06.2026 received

from Garidi Ramesh, father of the deceased, Giridi Maithili. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No. 8444/2026, which was dismissed on 10.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information it is stated that on 06.06.2026 the daughter of the first informant, who is the deceased in the present case, had received a phone call from Anantapur Women Police Station and when the first informant enquired about the same, she had informed him that the petitioner and she were in love with each other, and subsequently the petitioner had refused to marry her, and therefore the police had summoned her at the instance of the petitioner. Thereafter, she had consumed poison and therefore was admitted to the hospital. It appears that Maithili, daughter of the first informant, had died in the hospital while undergoing treatment on 12.06.2026. Therefore, FIR was registered against the

petitioner and his family members for the aforesaid offences.

5. The material produced by the learned counsel for the petitioner before this Court would go to show that prior to Maithili committing suicide, the petitioner had approached the police at Anantapur and submitted a complaint alleging that Maithili was subjecting him to blackmail and harassment. It appears that based on such complaint, Maithili was summoned to the police station, and after returning from the police station, she had consumed poison. There is no such allegation in the first information that the petitioner had committed any such act immediately prior to the deceased committing suicide which in normal circumstances would have abetted or instigated her to take the drastic step of committing suicide. In the present case, the petitioner had approached the Police alleging that Maithili was harassing and blackmailing him, and it appears that under these

circumstances, she had consumed poison. The petitioner aged about 24 years, having no criminal antecedents, has undertaken to co-operate with the police and abide by the conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Under these circumstances, the 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.210/2026 registered by Mico Layout Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offence punishable under Section 108 of BNS, 2023, 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)
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