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CRL.P No. 15202 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010675542026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15202 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MOHAMMAD IMRAN,
S/O RAZIA,
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO.3-145,
IMRAN MANZIL, JANATA COLONY,
ONTIKATTE, MARPADI VILLAGE,
MOODBIDRI POST,
DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT - 574 227.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. DILRAJ JUDE ROHIT SEQUEIRA., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
REPRESENTED BY THE
STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
MOODBIDRI POLICE STATION,
REPRESENTED BY THE
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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THIS CRL.P. IS FILED U/S 438 OF CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIR IN CR.NO.71/2026 REGISTERED BY MOODABIDRE P.S. D.K DIST. FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 74 OF BNS 2023 AND SEC.67A OF I.T ACT 2000 THEREFROM NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HONBLE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C COURT MOODABIDRI MANGALURU CITY.

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.71/2026 registered by Moodabidre Police Station, Mangaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 74 of BNS, 2023 and Section 67(A) of the I.T. Act, 2000, is before this Court in this successive bail petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.71/2026 was registered by Moodabidre Police Station, Mangaluru City for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 28.05.2026 received from Smt.Farvin wife of Nazeer Ahmad. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.516/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court which was rejected on 09.07.2026. Subsequently, he had approached this Court in Crl.P.No.10300/2026 which was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to renew his bail application before this Court subject to outcome of Crl.P.No.8220/2026. It is under these circumstances, the petitioner is before this Court.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner having reiterated the grounds urged in the petition submits that Crl.P.No.8220/2026 has been dismissed on 17.08.2026. He submits that there is a serious matrimonial dispute

between the first informant and her husband, who is the uncle of the petitioner. In the earlier criminal case registered by the very same police in Crime No.40/2026, the allegations which are now found in the present case are not found. Therefore, he prays to allow this petition.

5. *Per contra*, learned High Court Government Pleader opposes the bail petition.

6. The first informant in the present case is the wife of the petitioner's uncle. It appears that petitioner's uncle is employed abroad. The allegation against the petitioner is that he had sought sexual favours from the first informant and also had threatened to circulate her photos and videos in social media. The first informant had earlier approached Moodbidri Police Station on 16.04.2026 and based on her first information, FIR was registered in Crime No.40/2026 for offences punishable under Section 85, 115(2), 352, 351(2) of BNS, 2023 against her husband Nazeer Ahammed and his family members. The

petitioner is arrayed as accused No.6 in the said case. The allegations now made against the petitioner, relating to the period from the year 2016-2026 are not made in the first information that was earlier filed resulting the registration of FIR in Crime No.40/2026.

7. Material available on record would go to show that there is a serious matrimonial dispute between the first informant and her husband and she has initiated multiple proceedings, including proceedings under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, in which the petitioner is also arrayed as respondent.

8. Under these circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following :

O R D E R

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.71/2026 registered by Moodabidre Police Station, Mangaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 74 of BNS, 2023 and Section 67(A) of the I.T. Act, 2000, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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.

b) Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

c) Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

d) Petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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