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CRL.P No. 15101 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. 15101 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. MUTTURAJU
S/O LATE HANUMANTHAPPA
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
R/AT VARAHASANDRA VILLAGE
KENGERI HOBLI, BENGALURU
SOUTH TALUK, BENGALURU - 560 060.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHRIVATSA, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH KAGGALIPURA POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN SC NO.314/2025 (CRIME NO.100/2017 OF THE RESPONDENT KAGGALIPURA POLICE STATION BENGALURU) REGISTERED FOR THE OFFENCES P/US 399 AND 40 OF IPC PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE I ADDL.DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU.

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 S.C.No.184/2023 pending before the Court of the I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru arising out of Crime No.100/2017 registered by Kaggalipura Police Station, Ramanagara for the offences punishable under Sections 399 and 402 of IPC, 1860, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. Perusal of the material on record would go to show that the petitioner, who was arrested in the present case at crime stage, was subsequently granted regular bail by the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.558/2017 vide order dated 24.04.2017. It appears that, for the reason that the petitioner had not appeared before the Trial Court in S.C.No.184/2023, a

split-up case was registered against him in S.C.No.314/2025. He was subsequently arrested, produced before the Trial Court in the said case on 24.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application thereafter filed before the Trial Court in Crl.Misc.No.1911/2026 was rejected on 11.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. It is not in dispute that, on the merits of the case, the petitioner was arrested in the present case and was granted regular bail by the jurisdictional Sessions Court. It is only for the reason that the petitioner had not appeared before the Trial Court on the regular dates of hearing, he is now arrested and remanded to custody on 24.08.2026. For the mistake committed by the petitioner, he has been sufficiently punished. Except the present case, the petitioner was involved in another criminal case, in which he is said to have been acquitted. The petitioner has undertaken to co-operate before the Trial Court for the expeditious disposal of the case and also to abide by the conditions imposed on him.

5. In view of the aforesaid, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i) The Criminal Petition is **allowed**.

ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in S.C.No.184/2023 pending before the Court of the I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru arising out of Crime No.100/2017 registered by Kaggalipura Police Station, Ramanagara for the offences punishable under Sections 399 and 402 of IPC, 1860, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute 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

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