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CRL.P No. 15445 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15445 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI. RANGASWAMY,
S/O BASAVARAJ,
AGED ABOUT 22 YEARS,
OCCUPATION: MOTOR WINDING &
AGRICULTURIST,
R/AT MADDERU VILLAGE, TALYA HOBLI,
HOLALKERE TLAUK,
CHITRADURGA DISTRICT - 577526.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. BHASKAR C R, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE BY CHITRADURGA TOWN POLICE,
REP. BY THE STATE PUBLIC PRSOECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR VEEDI,
BANGALORE - 560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: High Court of Karnataka

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN CR.NO.94/2026 (CC NO.1497/2026) FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 103(1) OF BNS, 2023, REGISTERED BY THE CHITRADURGA TOWN POLICE STATION, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE (JR DN) AND JMFC COURT, CHITRADURGA DISTRICT.

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

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ORAL ORDER

Accused in Crime No.94/2026 registered by Chitradurga Town Police Station, Chitradurga, for offence punishable under Section 103(1) of BNS, 2023, 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. FIR in Crime No.94/2026 was registered by Chitradurga Town Police Station for the aforesaid offence against unknown person, based on the first information dated 03.05.2026 received from Prathibha, sister of deceased Pramod. In the said case, petitioner herein was arrested on 03.05.2026 and subsequently, remanded to judicial custody. After completing investigation, charge sheet is filed against him for the aforesaid offence. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.918/2026 was rejected on 8.9.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. First informant is the sister of deceased Pramod who was aged about 43 years. In the first information, she has stated that Pramod was not married and he was residing alone separately. First informant came to know from her relative Ramesh that her brother Pramod was lying dead in his house. Thereafter, first informant went to the house of her brother and after seeing his dead body, she had approached police and based on her first information, FIR was registered against unknown persons for the aforesaid offence.

5. During the course of investigation, petitioner was arrested on 03.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. In the charge sheet which is filed subsequently, it is alleged that petitioner was visiting the house of CW.6 and he intended to marry CW.7, who is the daughter of CW.6. Deceased Pramod who was also visiting the house of CW.6, allegedly was opposing the marriage proposal and therefore, petitioner allegedly decided to eliminate him. It is alleged that petitioner who had gone to the house of Pramod on 02.05.2026, had assaulted him with a weapon and committed his murder. The

entire case of the prosecution is based on circumstantial evidence. Petitioner having no other criminal antecedents, is in custody from 03.05.2026 onwards. Investigation of the case is now completed. Allegations found in the charge sheet is required to be proved in a full-fledged trial. Under the circumstances, the following:

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(i) The Criminal Petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.94/2026 registered by Chitradurga Town Police Station, Chitradurga, for offence punishable under Section 103(1) of 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

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