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CNR: KAHC010687452026

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. 15580 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

DR. VEERABHADRAIAH T.A
S/O. LATE. CHIKKA ADVAPPA
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
INDIAN PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
AROGYA SADHANA, BENGALURU
RESIDING AT MRUKNAL
7TH CROSS, VIDYANAGARA
TUMAKURU - 572 103.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI DORE RAJ B.H, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
REP. BY STATION HOUSE OFFICER
TUMAKURU TOWN POLICE STATION
TUMAKURU - 572 101.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO A. DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO. 240 OF 2026 REGISTERED BY TUMAKURU TOWN POLICE STATION FOR THE OFFENCE ALLEGED UNDER SECTION 8 & 9 OF KARNATAKA STATE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT, 2010 AND SECTION 336(2), 336(3) AND 340(2) READ WITH SECTION 3(5) OF BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.1 is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.240/2026 registered by Tumakuru Town Police Station, Tumakuru for the offences punishable under Sections 8 and 9 of Karnataka State Public Records Act, 2010 and Sections 336(2), 336(3) and 340(2) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.240/2026 was registered by Tumakuru Town Police Station, Tumakuru for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner and others, based on the first information dated 11.08.2026 received from Sri Anandakumar S.J. Apprehending arrest in the case the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.1310/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court which was rejected on 10.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. Perusal of the material on record would go to show that the first informant in the present case was charge sheeted by Kodigenahalli Police Station, Tumakuru District, for the offences punishable under Sections 354, 342, 324, 323, 447, 326, 144, 148, 143, 504, 506 read with Section 149 of IPC and was tried for the alleged offences in C.C.No.1252/2012 and was subsequently acquitted by judgment and order of acquittal dated 06.10.2017.

5. It appears that injured in the said case was advised to undergo Pure Tone Audiogram (PTA) at the District Hospital, Tumakuru and accordingly, the injured victim Nagesh, had undergone the said test. Subsequently, at the request of the police, the petitioner herein, based on the records, had certified the PTA. After the first informant in the present case, who was accused No.1 in C.C.No.1252/2012 was acquitted, he had filed application seeking information under the Right to Information Act with regard to the records of PTA. Since the records were

not available, he had approached the Police and based on his first information, FIR is now registered against the petitioner and other hospital authorities for the alleged offences. The petitioner, who is a doctor, is working as a Deputy Director in Indian Public Health Laboratory at Bengaluru. He has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation.

6. Considering the nature of allegations found against the petitioner and also the inordinate delay in approaching the police, 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 :

ORDER

i) The criminal petition is **allowed**.

ii) 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.240/2026

registered by Tumakuru Town Police Station, Tumakuru for the offences punishable under Sections 8 and 9 of Karnataka State Public Records Act, 2010 and Sections 336(2), 336(3) and 340(2) read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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.

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

c) The 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) The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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