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CRL.P No. 15340 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 15317 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010692712026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15340 OF 2026
C/W
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15317 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 15340/2026:

BETWEEN:

1. MANJUNATHA M
S/O MURTHY R
AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS
R/AT NO. 28, 9TH MAIN
20TH A CROSS N R LAYOUT
NEAR WATER TANK
VIRAT NAGAR
BOMMANAHALLI
BENGALURU - 560 068.

2. SANTOSH
S/O JAGANNATH B
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS
R/AT NO. 683, 9TH MAIN
18TH A CROSS, VIRAT NAGAR
BOMMANAHALLI, BENGALURU - 560 068.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI NISHIT KUMAR SHETTY, ADV.)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA BY
HULIMAVU POLICE STATION
BENGALURU CITY
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

2. SRI PUTTABYARE GOWDA A.B.
S/O BYREGOWDA

AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO. 589/13, 1ST FLOOR
1ST CROSS, 1ST MAIN, MICO LAYOUT
BENGALURU - 560 068.

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI JAGADEESHA B.N, SPP A/W
SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP FOR R-1;
SRI KISHORE K, ADV., FOR
SRI H.V. PRAVEEN GOWDA, ADV., FOR R-2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME NO.353/2026 OF HULIMAVU POLICE STATION, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 168, 189(2), 189(4), 191(2), 190, 115(2), 118(1), 324(4), 329(4), 352, 351(2), 109(1) OF BNS, 2023 PENDING ON THE FILE OF LV ADDL. CJM, BENGALURU.

IN CRL.P NO. 15317/2026:

BETWEEN:

ANIL KUMAR
S/O JAYAPPA REDDY
AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS
BENGALURU CITY
KARNATAKA, PIN CODE - 560 068.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI RANGANATH REDDY R, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE BY THE STATION
HOUSE OFFICER
HULIMAVU POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY HCGP
(HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA)
PIN CODE - 560 001.

2. SRI PUTTABYAREGOWDA A.B.
S/O BYREGOWDA
AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO. 589/13
1ST FLOOR, 1ST CROSS
1ST MAIN, MICO LAYOUT

BENGALURU - 560 068.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI JAGADEESHA B.N, SPP A/W
SRI RAHUL RAI K, ADV., FOR R-2)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) CR.P.C PRAYING TO ENLARGE HIM ON BAIL IN CRIME NO.353/2026 ON 10.09.2026 AT HULIMAVU POLICE STATION AND PENDING BEFORE THE LV ADDL CJM AT BENGALURU CITY IN CRIME NO.353/2026 BENGALURU REGISTERED FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 168, 189(2), 189(4), 191(2), 190, 115(2), 118(1), 324(4), 329(4), 352, 351(2), 109 (1) OF BNS ACT 2023.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused Nos.1 to 3 in Crime No.353/2026 registered by Hulimavu Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 168, 189(2), 189(4), 191(2), 190, 115(2), 118(1), 324(4), 329(4), 352, 351(2) and 109(1) of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.353/2026 was registered by Hulimavu Police Station, Bengaluru, for the aforesaid offences against petitioners herein and others, based on the first information

dated 10.09.2026 received from Puttabyregowda S/o late Byregowda. In the said case, petitioners were arrested on 13.09.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Their bail application filed before the Trial Court was rejected. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information dated 10.09.2026 would indicate that there is some dispute between the two parties with regard to site No.185/1 situated at Jnanabharathi Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk. On the alleged date of incident, at about 10.30 a.m. when the first informant visited the said site, he noticed damage to CCTC cameras, electricity meter and front gate etc. He has further alleged that accused persons named in the FIR and others all of a sudden entered into the said property and after abusing him pushed him inside the shed and thereafter, assaulted him with iron rod causing injuries. Medical reports of the injured victim would go to show that he has been already discharged from the Hospital and his condition is stable.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners have brought to the notice of this Court that accused No.1 as well as the defacto complainant have filed two separate suits before the jurisdictional Sessions Court and in both the suits, order of temporary injunction is operating. Be that as it may, the fact remains that petitioners herein do not have any criminal antecedents. Incident in question has taken place in the background of the aforesaid civil dispute. Petitioners are in custody from 13.09.2026. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and also the undertaking given by the petitioners that they will abide by the conditions that may be imposed by this Court and also co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation, I am of the opinion that their prayer for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:-

6. The petitions are allowed. The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.353/2026 registered by Hulimavu Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 168, 189(2), 189(4), 191(2), 190, 115(2),

118(1), 324(4), 329(4), 352, 351(2) and 109(1) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioners shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

d) The petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future;

e) The petitioners shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against them is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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