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CRL.P No. 15446 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010693812026

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. 15446 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MANOJ YADAV K,
S/O KRISHNAMURTHY
@ KRISHNAPPA,
23 YEARS,
R/AT KARAPPANAHALLI VILLAGE,
NANDAGUDI HOBLI,
HOSKOTE TALUK,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 122.
(PRESENTLY IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY SINCE
30.08.2026)

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MADHUKAR NADIG., ADVOCATE)

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Location:
HIGH COURT
OF
KARNATAKA

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   BY NANDAGUDI POLICE STATION,
   HOSKOTE CIRCLE,
   BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT,

   REPRESENTED BY THE
   STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
   BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. SRINIVASA MURTHY.V,
S/O VENKATESHAPPA,
AGED 45 YEARS,
R/O OBANAHALLI VILLAGE,
NANDAGUDI HOBLI, HOSKOTE TALUK,
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 562 122.

(FATHER OF ALLEGED VICTIM GIRL)

…RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI.CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP FOR R1;
NOTICE TO R2 IS HELD SUFFICIENT VIDE ORDER DATED 27.10.2026)

THIS CRL.P. IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CR.NO.182/2026 OF NANDAGUDI P.S. BENGALURU RURAL DIST. REGISTERED FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 78 OF BNS 2023 AND SEC.8, 12, 17 OF POCSO ACT 2012 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE ADDL. DIST. AND SESSIONS JUDGE FTSC-1 BENGALURU RURAL DIST. AT BENGALURU RURAL.

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.182/2026 registered by Nandagudi Police Station, Bengaluru District for the

offences punishable under Section 78 of BNS, 2023 and Section 8, 12 and 17 of POCSO Act, 2012, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned High Court Government Pleader on behalf of respondent No.1 / State. Respondent No.2 who is served in the matter, has remained unrepresented before this Court.

3. FIR in Crime No.182/2026 was registered by Nandagudi Police Station, Bengaluru District for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 30.08.2026 received from respondent No.2, who is the father of the victim girl. In the said case, petitioner was arrested on 30.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application thereafter filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in

Crl.Misc.No.1990/2026 was rejected on 23.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information dated 30.08.2026 filed by the father of the victim girl, it is alleged that the victim girl who is his daughter, is pursuing her II year PUC education. The petitioner, who was following the victim girl on her way to college, was allegedly teasing her and making signs seeking sexual favours. It is alleged that the petitioner had also threatened to circulate his photos with the victim girl in social media. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered against the petitioner.

5. Petitioner aged 23 years having no other criminal antecedents, is in custody for the last nearly 2 month. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. Maximum punishment for the alleged offences is imprisonment for a period of 5 years.

6. Under the circumstances, 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:

O R D E R

(i) The Criminal Petition is allowed.

(ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.182/2026 registered by Nandagudi Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 78 of BNS, 2023 and Section 8, 12 and 17 of POCSO Act, 2012, 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;

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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