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CRL.P No. 15493 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010697172026

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. 15493 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SWAMY PRASAD,
S/O LATE GURUMURTHY,
AGED ABOUT 22 YEARS,
R/AT VADDAHALLI VILLAGE,
HALEBEEDU HOBLI,
BELUR TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT-01.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRATHEEP.K.C, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
   REP. BY HALEBEEDU POLICE STATION,
   HASSAN DISTRICT,
   REP. BY ITS STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
   HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
   BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. RAVI,
   MAJOR,
   R/AT SHIVAYOGIPURA VILLAGE,
   BELUR TALUK, HASSAN DISTRICT-01.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP FOR R-1;

V/O DATED 03.11.2026, NOTICE TO R-2 HELD SUFFICIENT)

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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.184/2026 PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE HON'BLE

ADDL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AND FTSC-1 (SPECIAL COURT) AT HASSAN, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 126(2), 351(2), 352, 133 OF BNS, SECTIONS 8, 12 OF POCSO ACT 2012, BY HALEBEEDU POLICE STATION.

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.184/2026, registered by Halebeedu Police Station, Hassan, for offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 351(2), 352, 133 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 8 and 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023, seeking bail application.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties. Respondent No.2 who is served in the matter has remained unrepresented before this Court.

3. FIR in Crime No.184/2026 was registered by Halebeedu Police Station, Hassan, against the petitioner and others for aforesaid offences, based on the first information

dated 6.9.2026 received from the victim girl, who is the daughter of respondent No.2. In the said case, petitioner was arrested on 11.09.2026 and remanded to Judicial Custody. His bail application filed before the Trial Court in Crl.Misc.No.1029/2026 was rejected on 30.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information submitted by the victim who is a student studying in I year PUC, she has alleged that petitioner and his friends who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in the FIR, were following her on her way to her college and were abusing and threatening her. She has alleged that petitioner herein had forcibly taken her to Seegebetta and thereafter on 03.09.2026, petitioner had shown her a knife and threatened of committing her murder. She has alleged that accused named in the FIR have tried to kidnap her and therefore, she had approached the police on 06.09.2026. Victim girl who had appeared before the Trial Court had submitted that she has no objection for granting bail to the petitioner.

5. It appears that on 03.09.2026, petitioner and other accused persons had quarreled with the uncle of victim girl and separate FIR was registered in Crime No.186/2026. Petitioner who has no other criminal antecedents, is in custody in the present case from 11.09.2026 onwards.

6. Undisputedly, victim girl has not suffered any injury in the incident in question. The maximum punishment for the alleged offences is imprisonment for a period of five years. Under the circumstances, the following:

O R D E R

(i) The Criminal Petition is **allowed**. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.184/2026, registered by Halebeedu Police Station, Hassan, for offences punishable under Sections 126(2), 351(2), 352, 133 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 8 and 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, 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.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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