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CRL.P No. 15639 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010699612026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15639 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. BALACHANDRA VANJAKARA @ BALACHANDRA VANANJAKAR
S/O. HANAMANTH VANANJAKAR,
AGED ABOUT 49 YEARS
NO. 09/96, GROUND FLOOR,
9TH MAIN ROAD, 2ND PHASE
1ST STAGE, GOKULA, NEAR INDIAN PETROL BUNK,
YESHWANTHPUR, BENGALURU-560 022

ALSO AT NO. 112, 2ND FLOOR,
ABBIGERE DINNE, 2ND CROSS,
BEHIND BBMP OFFICE , BENGALURU - 560 090

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. NIVEDITHA PRAKASH.,ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
THROUGH GIRINAGAR POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU CITY
REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU -560 001

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.438 (FILED U/S.482 BNSS) CR.P.C. BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS CRIMINAL PETITION AND DIRECT THAT, IN THE EVENT OF THE ARREST OF THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED IN CRIME NO.169/2026 DATED 29.05.2026, REGISTERED BY GIRINAGAR POLICE STATION, BENGALURU CITY, FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCE P/US/ 318(4) OF BNS 2023 AND PENDING BEFORE THE COURT OF THE LEARNED XXXVII ADDL CJM BENGALURU CITY, HE SHALL BE RELEASED ON BAIL IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UNDER SEC.482 OF BNS 2023 ETC.

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 No.1 in Crime No.169 of 2026 registered by Girinagar Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.169 of 2026 was registered by Girinagar Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offence against petitioner, based on the first information dated 29.05.2026 received from Dr.G.S. Mahadevayaiah, who is the alleged victim in the present case. Apprehending arrest in the said case, the petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.9278 of 2026, which was rejected on 26.09.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the typed first information dated 29.05.2026 submitted by Dr.G.S. Mahadevayaiah, it is averred that at the instance of the petitioner, the first informant had invested money for trading. He has stated that initially, the profit amount was deposited to his account, but subsequently, his investments and profits were not paid to him. It is under these circumstances, he had approached the police and based on his first information, FIR was registered against the petitioner.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner during the course of arguments, has brought to the notice of this Court that a similar complaint was registered against the petitioner in Crime No.157 of 2026 by Amruthahalli Police Station, Bengaluru. In the said case, the petitioner in identical circumstances has been granted anticipatory bail by the jurisdiction Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.5256 of 2026, which was disposed of on 09.06.2026. Petitioner has co-operated with the police for investigation in the said case. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner himself is a victim. It is not in dispute that no amount has been directly deposited to the account of petitioner in the present case. The alleged offence is triable by the Court of Magistrate and maximum punishment for the same is imprisonment for a period of 7 days.

6. Under these circumstances, 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 :

O R D E R

The criminal petition is allowed. 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.169 of 2026 registered by Girinagar Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offence punishable under Section 318(4) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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) Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

c) 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) Petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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