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CRL.P No. 15631 of 2026

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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. 15631 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

G SATYANARAYANA VARMA,
S/O G VENKAT RAJU,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
R/AT FLAT NO. G2, S R AVENUE
BRINDAVAN COLONY, HYDER NAGAR
KUKATPALLY, HYDERABAD-500072.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. PRASHANTH R, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY THE HIGH GROUNDS POLICE STATION,
NOW THROUGH THE SIT CID (FIU) SQUAD
PALACE ROAD, BENGALURU-560001
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU-560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. B.N JAGADEESHA, SPL. SPP)

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Location: High Court of Karnataka

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME NO. 118/2024 REGISTERED BY THE HIGH GROUNDS POLICE STATION AND INVESTIGATED BY THE SIT/CID FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 120(B), 406, 420, 465, 468 AND 471 OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, PENDING ON THE FILE OF HON'BLE XXIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AND SPECIAL JUDGE (PC ACT), BENGALURU.

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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.118/2024 registered by High Grounds police station, Bangalore, and investigated by CID police, for offence punishable under Sections 120(B), 406, 420, 465, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, pending before the XXIII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge and Special Judge (PC Act), Bengaluru, is before this Court in this successive bail application filed under section 483 of the BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.118/2024 was registered by High Grounds Police Station, Bangalore, against Manimekhalai A and others, based on first information dated 28.05.2024, received from A.Rajashekar, General Manager, Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Parishista Pangadagala Abhivruddi Nigama. In the said

case, petitioner was arrested on 13.06.2024 and remanded to Judicial Custody. His bail application filed earlier before this Court in Crl.P.No.540/2025 was dismissed by this Court on 18.03.2025. Thereafter, the petitioner had filed a fresh bail application before this Court in Crl.P.No.5572/2026 which was rejected by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on 29.05.2026. It is under these circumstances the petitioner is before this Court in this successive bail application.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner after reiterating the grounds urged in the petition, submits that accused No.2 as against whom similar allegations are found in the charge sheet, has been now granted regular bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Crl) No.9025/2026, disposed off on 17.08.2026. He submits that in view of the said change in circumstances, the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail may be considered.

5. Learned Special Public Prosecutor who has opposed the bail application, however, does not dispute that accused No.2 as against whom similar allegation is found in the charge

sheet, has now been granted regular bail by the Hon'ble Supreme Court considering the period of his incarceration.

6. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that without expressing any opinion on the merits and demerits of the case, solely considering the period of petitioner's incarceration, in the background of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court granting regular bail to accused No.2, as against whom similar allegations are found in the charge sheet, 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

The petition is ***allowed***. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.118/2024 registered by High Grounds police station, Bangalore, and investigated by CID police, for offence punishable under Sections 120(B), 406, 420, 465, 468 and 471 of the Indian Penal Code, 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;

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

f) Petitioner is directed to appear before the Investigation Officer on every first Sunday of the month between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and mark his attendance regularly till the case registered against petitioner is disposed off.

g) Petitioner shall also surrender his passport before the concerned Court and shall provide his mobile number and also address proof to the Investigation Officer.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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