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CRL.P No. 15769 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010711002026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15769 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

DARSHAN S
S/O. SUBBURAJ H.G
AGED ABOUT 34 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 51, 17TH MAIN,
15TH CROSS, VET SCHOOL
J.P. NAGAR 2ND PHASE,
J.P. NAGAR, BENGALURU - 560 078.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MANJUNATH M.R, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY DEVARAJEEVANAHALLI P.S, BENGALURU
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. VICTIM
S/O SAMSON MANOHAR
AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS
NO.13, SHEE SAI NIVAS
BRINDAVAN LAYOUT,
K.B. SANDRA, BENGALURU - 560 032.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI K, HCGP FOR R1;
MS. UMA N.C, ADVOCATE FOR R2)

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PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL AND TO DIRECT THE

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE HIM ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CR.NO.391/2026 REGISTERED BY DEVARAJEEVANAHALLI P.S., BENGALURU, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 69 AND 318(2) OF BNS, 2023, PENDING BEFORE THE XI ACMM COURT, MAYO HALL, BENGALURU CITY.

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.391/2026 registered by Devarajeevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru for offences punishable under Sections 69, 318(2) 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.391/2026 was registered by Devarajeevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner based on the first information received from respondent No.2. Apprehending arrest in the case petitioner had approached the Jurisdictional Sessions Court in Criminal Misc.

No.9345/2026 which was rejected on 05.10.2026. Therefore he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information dated 10.09.2026 would go to show that petitioner and the victim girl were together working in a hotel at Bengaluru and in the year 2023 they got acquainted to each other and from the year 2023 onwards they started loving each other and petitioner allegedly had promised to marry the victim girl. Subsequently, for a period of nearly 3 years they had gone to various places in Bengaluru, Mysore etc., and had stayed in hotels and had sexual intercourse. It is alleged in the first information that petitioner has subsequently refused to marry the victim girl and it is under these circumstances FIR has been registered against the petitioner.

5. Considering the nature of allegations found in the first information and also the considerable period of relationship between the parties who are majors. I am of the opinion that the prayer for grant of anticipatory bail

needs to be answered in the affirmative. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

(i) The 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.391/2026 registered by Devarajeevanahalli Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 69, 318(2) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

1. The 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.

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

3. Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and he shall co-operate

with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

4. The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

VS
List No.: 1 Sl No.: 67