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CRL.P No. 16487 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 15749 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010739722026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16487 OF 2026
C/W
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15749 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 16487/2026:

BETWEEN:

1. RAKSHITH KUMAR R @ RAKSHITH
S/O LATE RAVINAYAKA
AGED ABOUT 22 YEARS
R/AT NO.438, NEAR BUS STAND
KEREKODI ROAD, NEAR ESHWARI
TEMPLE, HOSAKERE HALLI
BENGALURU CITY PIN 560085.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SHARATH J.M, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY HAROHALLI POLICE STATION
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
AT BENGALURU 560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO RELEASED HIM ON BAIL, WHO IS THE ACCUSED NO.1 IN CRIME NO.47/2026(SC.NO.5025/2026) REGISTERED BY RESPONDENT HAROHALLI POLICE STATION FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 309(4),311 R/W 3(5) OF BNS, NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF II ADDL DIST AND SESSIONS JUDGE,

BENGALURU SOUTH SITTING AT KANAKAPURA, IN RESPECT OF PETITIONER.

IN CRL.P NO. 15749/2026:

BETWEEN:

1. MR JEEVAN @ KARIYA
   S/O MR. RAMESH
   AGED ABOUT 20 YEARS
   R/AT LALAGATTA VILLAGE
   KASABA HOBLI, CHANNAPATNA TALUK
   BANGALORE SOUTH DIST 562 160.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI B KESHAVA MURTHY, ADV.)

AND:

1. THE STATE BY SHO
   HAROHALLI P.S
   REP BY SPP, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
   BANGALORE 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS PETITION AND ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN S.C. NO. 5025/2026, REGISTERED IN CONNECTION WITH CRIME NO. 47/2026 OF HAROHALLI POLICE STATION IN CR.NO.47/2026, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE II ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, KANAKAPURA, FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 309(4) AND 311 R/W SEC 3(5) OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, AND TO PASS SUCH OTHER ORDERS AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE.

THESE PETITIONS, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused Nos.1 and 3 in Crime No.47/2026 registered by Harohalli Police Station, Bengaluru South, for the offences punishable under Sections 309(4), 311 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.47/2026 was registered by Harohalli Police Station, Bengaluru South District, for the aforesaid offences against unknown four persons, based on the first information dated 03.03.2026 received from John William, who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation, petitioners were arrested on 05.03.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Charge sheet is subsequently filed against three persons and bail application filed by the petitioners before the Trial Court in SC No.5025/2026 were rejected. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. Allegation against the accused persons in the first information as well as in the charge sheet is that, on the intervening night of 02.03.2026 and 03.03.2026, accused persons, who had hired the taxi bearing registration No.KA41/D6587 of which victim was the driver, had allegedly taken him to an isolated place and after threatening him, they demanded money from him and forcibly got transferred a sum of Rs.2,500/- from his phone pay. Thereafter, they filled petrol to the aforesaid car in the petrol bunk and without paying money in the petrol bunk, they escaped along with the car after releasing the victim. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered against unknown persons. Material on record would go show that during the course of investigation, accused Nos.1 to 3 have been identified in the present case by the alleged victim. Accused No.1 is said to be a person with criminal antecedents, having four other criminal cases registered against him. The alleged offences are not exclusively punishable with death or life imprisonment. Investigation of the case is now completed and trial in the case is yet to commence. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that

the prayer made by the petitioners for grant of regular bail in these two petitions needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following order:-

5. The petitions are allowed. The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.47/2026 registered by Harohalli Police Station, Bengaluru South, for the offences punishable under Sections 309(4), 311 read with Section 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) Accused Nos.1 and 3 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) Accused Nos.1 and 3 shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their appearance for valid reasons;

c) Accused Nos.1 and 3 shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

d) Accused Nos.1 and 3 shall not involve in similar offences in future;

e) Accused Nos.1 and 3 shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against them is disposed off.

f) Accused No.1 is directed to appear before the Station House Officer, Harohalli Police Station, Bengaluru South District, on every second and fourth Saturday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 01:00 p.m. and mark his attendance regularly, till the case registered against him is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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