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CRL.P No. 15908 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010713812026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15908 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. PAVITHRA (A-4)
   W/O SURESHA,
   AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS,

2. SRI. SURESHA (A-5)
   S/O TAGADAPPA,
   AGED ABOUT 45.YEARS,

   BOTH ARE RESIDING AT HOSADODDI VILLAGE,
   MADBAL HOBLI, MAGADI TALUK,
   BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT - 561 201

…PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SHRIDHARA K.,ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY RAMANAGARA RURAL POLICE STATION,
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001

…RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C. (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO ENLARGE THEM ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CR.NO.189/2026 RAMANAGARA RURAL P.S. PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE PRL.CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) AND C.J.M RAMANAGARA DIST. AT RAMANAGARA FOR THE OFFENCE P/U/S 80,85,190 OF BNS.

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 Nos.4 and 5 in Crime No.189/2026 registered by Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Bengaluru South District for the offences punishable under Sections 80, 85 and 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 ('the BNS' for short) are before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.189/2026 registered by Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Bengaluru South District for the aforesaid offences against Shankaraiah and others, based on the first information dated 08.09.2026 received from Smt. Byramma, mother of deceased Munilakshmi. Apprehending the arrest in the case, the petitioners had filed Crl.Misc.No.716/2026, which was rejected by the jurisdictional Sessions Court on 29.09.2026. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. Perusal at the record would go to show that petitioners herein are husband and wife. Deceased Munilakshmi was the wife of accused No.1. In the first information, it is alleged that accused No.1 and his parents are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in the present case. They were allegedly ill-treating Munilakshmi in her matrimonial house in furtherance of their demand for dowry. It is further alleged that accused No.1 had illicit relationship with accused No.4. Munilakshmi had committed suicide by hanging herself in her matrimonial house on 07.09.2026. It is under these circumstances on the next day, her mother had approached the Police. Allegation of ill-

treating Munilakshmi in her matrimonial house is found in the first information as against accused Nos.1 to 3. Insofar as the petitioners are concerned, there is no such allegation and only allegation against them is that accused No.1 had illicit relationship with accused No.4, who is the wife of accused No.5. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that prayer made by the petitioners for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively. 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.189/2026 registered by Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Bengaluru South District for the offences punishable under Sections 80, 85 and 190 of the BNS, subject to the following conditions:

a) The Petitioners 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/- each with two sureties for the

likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

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

c) Petitioners shall not tamper with the prosecution witnesses and they shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

d) The petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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