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NC: 2026:KHC:60400
CRL.P No. 15758 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 15857 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010714782026

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. 15758 OF 2026

C/W

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15857 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 15758/2026

BETWEEN:

MR. RAMESH,
S/O LATE PUTTASWAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS,
OCCUPATION: AGRICULTURIST,
R/AT MERAVEGOWDANADODDI VILLAGE,
BYRAMANGALA POST,
BIDADI HOBLI, RAMANAGARA TALUK,
BENGALURU SOUTH TALUK-562109.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. MAHENDRA G, ADVOCATE)

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Location: High Court of Karnataka

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BIDADI POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT,
REP. BY THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU 560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI.K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) TO ENLARGE HIM, BEING ACCUSED NO.6, ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME NO.289/2026 OF BIDADI POLICE STATION,

PENDING BEFORE THE COURT OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR. DN) AND CJM COURT, RAMANAGARA DISTRICT, RAMANAGARA FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 318(4), 336(3), 319(2) AND 338 R/W 3(5) OF BNS, 2023.

IN CRL.P NO. 15857/2026

BETWEEN:

SIVAKUMAR J,
S/O. JAYARAMAIAH,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
R/AT MANAGANAHALLI, BIDADI HOBLI,
RAMANAGARA TALUK,
BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT.
(PETITIONER IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY SINCE 12-09-2026)

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. RAVI J S, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BIDADI POLICE STATION,
RAMANAGARA DISTRICT,
REP. BY THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU - 560001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI.K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.P.C (U/S 483 BNSS) TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.7 ON BAIL IN CR.NO.289/2026 REGISTERED BY BIDADI P.S., RAMANAGARA DISTRICT, FOR THE OFFENCES U/S 318(4), 336(3), 319(2), 3(5) AND 338 OF BNS, 2023.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused Nos.6 and 7 in Crime No.289/2026 registered by Bidadi Police Station, Bengaluru South District, for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 319(2), 3(5) and 338 of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.281/2026 was registered by the Bidadi Police Station, for the aforesaid offences, against Shankara Reddy and others, based on the first information dated 03.09.2026 received from Sri.Kishan Kalal S, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Greater Bengaluru Development Authority. In the said case, petitioners herein were arrested on 12.09.2026/13.09.2026 and remanded to Judicial Custody. Their bail applications filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, were rejected. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A perusal of the material on record would go to show that the name of the petitioners is not found in the FIR. It appears that accused Nos.3 and 4 are persons who had allegedly submitted public documents before competent authorities seeking compensation in respect of the lands which were acquired for the purpose of Greater Bengaluru Development Authority. The allegation against the petitioners is that they had assisted the other accused persons in committing the crime. Petitioners are said to be agriculturists by avocation who do not have any serious criminal antecedents.

5. Considering the nature of allegations found against the accused in the present case and also the maximum punishment that is provided for the alleged offences.

6. I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioners for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

O R D E R

The petitions are ***allowed***. The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.289/2026 registered by Bidadi Police Station, Bengaluru South District, for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 319(2), 3(5) and 338 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioners 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) The petitioners shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses;

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

e) The petitioners shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the cases registered against them are disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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