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CRL.P No. 15899 of 2026
C/W CRL.P No. 15878 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010719802026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 2ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15899 OF 2026
C/W
CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15878 OF 2026

IN CRL.P No. 15899/2026:

BETWEEN:

SMT. K. LAKSHMI D. MUNILAKSHMAMMMA
W/O MOHAN KUMAR M.N
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
RESIDING AT DOOR NO.153
AMBASADANA NILAYA, 5TH CROSS
2ND BLOCK, JNANBHARATHI
NAGADEVANAHALLI
BANGALORE PIN CODE - 560 056.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI DEVARAJA M, ADV.)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY SHO HOSKOTE POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO ENLARGE HER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HER ARREST IN THE CASE IN CR.NO.244/2026 FOR THE OFENCE MADE PENAL UNDER SEC.318(4),336(2),336(3),337,338,340(2),61(1) OF BNS 2023 REGISTERED AT RESPONDENT P.S, PRESENTLY PENDING ON THE

FILE OF THE PRL.CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN) AND C.J.M COURT HOSKOTE, BENGALURU RURAL DIST.

IN CRL.P NO. 15878/2026:

BETWEEN:

RAJAMMA
W/O PAPAIAH
D/O. LATE RAMAIAH
AGED ABOUT 72 YEARS
R/AT NO.99, PUBLICITY ROAD
BAGUR VILLAGE, NEAR MALUR
RAILWAY STATION
CHIKKATIRUPATHI POST
HOSAKOTE TALUK
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT - 563 160.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI NISHIT KUMAR SHETTY, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
SHO, HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO THE PETITIONER IN THE EVENT OF HER ARREST IN CR.NO.244/2026 REGISTERED BY HOSAKOTE P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 318(4),336(2),336(3),337,338,340(2),61(1) OF BNS, 2023, PENDING BEFORE THE PRL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND CJM, HOSAKOTE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused Nos.1 and 7 in Crime No.244/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2) and 61(1) of BNS, 2023 are before this Court in these two petitions filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.244/2026 was registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the aforesaid offences against the petitioners herein and others, based on the first information dated 19.09.2026 received from the Office of the Tahasildar, Hosakote, Bengaluru District. Apprehending arrest in the said case, the petitioners herein had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court, seeking anticipatory bail. Since their petitions were rejected, they are before this Court.

4. Documents made available to this Court along with these petitions would reveal that the Special Deputy Commissioner for Inams Abolition, under proceedings bearing

No.2591/1962-63, had passed an order granting certain items of land at Baguru Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk. Based on the said order, it appears that accused No.2, who is the son of accused No.1, had filed an application for change of revenue entries in respect of certain item of land, which was the subject matter of the aforesaid grant order, in the name of accused No.1, who is his mother.

5. The allegation against accused No.2 is that, with the help of accused No.6 and other accused persons, he had managed to make changes in the original order of grant passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner for Inams Abolition in proceedings bearing No.2591/1962-63. It appears that, subsequently certified copies of certain documents were issued based on the changes made in the original order passed in proceedings bearing No.2591/1962-63. Accused No.7, who was working as a Shirestedar, had allegedly issued the certified copies.

6. It is under these circumstances, accused Nos.1 and 7 are also named in the FIR registered in the present case for the aforesaid offences. Accused No.1 is a lady aged about 72

years, and the records would reveal that the application for change of Khatha in her name was filed by her son, accused No.2-Manjunath, who is said to have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody. Accused No.7 is also a lady aged about 43 years working as a Shirestedar in the Tahasildar Office, Hosakote.

7. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and also the nature of allegations insofar as they relate to accused Nos.1 and 7 are concerned, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioners for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following :

ORDER

i) The criminal petitions are ***allowed***.

ii) The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioners in the event of his arrest in Crime No.244/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2), 61(1) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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 witness and they shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

d) Petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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