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CNR: KAHC010717052026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 3RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 15922 OF 2026

(438(Cr.PC) / 482(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. SRI. SHRIRAMAPPA
S/O VENKATANABOVI,
AGED ABOUT 56 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 8, 6TH CROSS,
THINDLU MAIN ROAD, SAPTHAGIRI LAYOUT,
VIDYARANYAPURA,
BENGALURU 560097.

2. SMT. GEETHA H.S.
D/O SHRIRAMAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 8, 6TH CROSS,
THINDLU MAIN ROAD, SAPTHAGIRI LAYOUT,
VIDYARANYAPUR
BENGALURU 560097.

3. SRI. ANAND
S/O SEENAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS,
RESIDING AT NO. 8, 6TH CROSS,
THINDLU MAIN ROAD, SAPTHAGIRI LAYOUT,
VIDYARANYAPURA,
BENGALURU 560097.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. SRIKANTH B V., ADVOCATE)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY VIDYARANYAPURA POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU CITY,
REPRESENTED BY THE HIGH COURT GOVERNMENT
PLEADER,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU 560001.

…RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS CRIMINAL PETITION AND DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONERS ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CC NO.47841/2026 REGISTERED BY VIDYARANYAPURA POLICE STATION, BENGALURU CITY FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES P/U/S 108, 3(5), AND 85 OF THE BNS 2023 PENDING BEFORE 7TH ACJM AT BENGALURU IN CC NO.47841/2026.

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.2 to 4 in Crime No.202/2026 registered by Vidyaranyapura Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Section 108, 3(5) and 85 of BNS, 2023, are before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned HCGP on behalf of the respondent-State.

3. FIR in Crime No.202/2026 was registered by Vidyaranyapura Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offences against one Amaranath and the petitioners herein based on the first information dated 30.05.2026 received from one Raju H.V., father of the deceased Mouna. The petitioners, who were apprehending arrest in the said case, had filed Crl.Misc.No.8352/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court which was rejected on 07.09.2026. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would reveal that the deceased Mouna was the wife of accused No.1 Amarnath. It is alleged that their marriage was performed on 15.03.2021. It appears that subsequently, relationship between the couple was strained and they were staying separately. It is alleged that accused No.1 was ill-treating

his wife Mouna. On 25.05.2026, Mouna had consumed poison and was admitted to hospital. Subsequently, she died in hospital on 30.05.2026. Thereafter, FIR was registered against Amaranath and the petitioners herein for the aforesaid offences.

5. A reading of the FIR would reveal that accused No.1 also allegedly had married accused No.3; accused No.2 is the father of accused No.3 and accused No.4 is the brother of Amaranath. There are no such allegations in the first information about any act committed by the petitioners herein which would have abetted or instigated the deceased to commit suicide in normal circumstances. It is stated that investigation of the case is already completed and accused No.1 has been released on regular bail. Under such circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioners for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be allowed, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

The criminal petition is ***allowed***. The respondent - Police or any other Police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioners in the event of their arrest in Crime No.202/2026 registered by Vidyaranyapura Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Section 108, 3(5) and 85 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

1. 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/- with two sureties each for the likesum to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer.

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

3. 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.

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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