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CRL.P No. 16133 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010721162026

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. 16133 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SMT. CHINNA PAPAMMA
S/O. VENKATESHAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 68 YEARS
KOLAR - 563 121
R/A. IHVARAHALLI,
KANGNDLAHALLI POST

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. ABHILASH KUMAR M.N., ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. NANJUNDA GOWDA M.R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY KYASAMBALLI POLICE
REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
DR. AMBEDKER VEEDHI,
BENGALURU - 560 001

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C. (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE HER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF ARREST IN CRIME NO.47/2026 OF

KYASAMBALLI POLICE STATION AGAINST THE PETITIONER FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 318(4), 126(2), 277 OF BNS AND SEC.3(2) OF KARNATAKA PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF IN HUMAN EVIL PRACTICES AND BLACK MAGIC ACT, 2017 NOW PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (JR.DN) AND JMFC COURT, KOLAR DISTRICT, KGF.

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 No.8 in Crime No.47/2026 registered by Kyasamballi Police Station, K.G.F for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 126(2), 277 of BNS, 2023 and Section 3(2) of Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 seeking anticipatory bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.47/2026 was registered by Kyasamballi Police Station, K.G.F for the aforesaid offences

against Chandra and others, based on the first information dated 14.07.2026 received from S.R. Jagadish, Police Officer attached to Kyasamballi Police Station. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court Crl.Misc.No.932/2026, which was rejected on 03.10.2026. Therefore, she is before this Court.

4. Accused Nos.1 to 5 and 7 who were arrested in the present case had approached this Court seeking regular bail in Crl.P.No.12468/2026 and Crl.P.No.12691/2026. The said petitions were allowed by this Court on 03.09.2026. In paragraph No.4 of the order passed by this Court in Crl.P.No.12691/2026, it is observed as follows:

> *"4. Perusal of the material on record would go to show that FIR in Crime No.47/2026 was registered against unknown persons and others alleging that first informant had received credible information that accused No.1 and his*

accomplices were indulged in the act of committing black magic and they were cheating many gullible people that they would be relieved of their problems and health conditions by performing black magic. After the aforesaid FIR was registered, petitioners herein and another were arrested on 14.07.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Particulars of the alleged victims of the crime committed by the petitioners, is not mentioned in the FIR. Learned HCGP submits that till date particulars of any such victim has not been traced by the Investigation Officer."

5. The petitioner is a lady, aged about 68 years, she has undertaken to co-operate before the police for the purpose of investigation.

6. In view of the aforesaid, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively

subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following :

O R D E R

(i) The criminal 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 her arrest in Crime No.47/2026 registered by Kyasamballi Police Station, K.G.F for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 126(2), 277 of BNS, 2023 and Section 3(2) of Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioner 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 for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

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

c) Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

AMM
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