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CRL.P No. 16111 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010726732026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16111 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

GORAKANTI PRASOON
S/O GORAKANTI SRINIVASA
AGED ABOUT 19 YEARS
R/AT NO.2-77, STREET NO.7
YELLAMMA TEMPLE, KONDAPUR
K.V. RANGAREDDY
TELANGANA - 501 301.
(ACCUSED WAS IN JC FROM 09-05-2026)

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI LOKESH R, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   BY MARATHAHALLI.P.S.
   REPRESENTED BY SPP
   HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
   BENGALURU - 560 001.

2. N.C.DAMODAR
   S/O LATE N ANJANAIAH
   AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS
   R/AT NO.05, NAVASUNSHINE APT
   PANATHURU, BENGALURU - 560 087.

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP FOR R-1;
SRI LALITH KUMAR R, ADV., FOR R-2)

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO PASS AN ORDER, ENLARGING THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN SPL.C NO.1720/2026 IN CRIME NO.195/2026 REGISTERED BY THE RESPONDENT FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 64(2)(m), 87, 65(1), 351(3) OF THE BNS AND SECTIONS 67(B), OF IT ACT AND U/S 4(2), 6 OF THE POCSO ACT 2012 PENDING BEFORE THE COUT OF THE

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

HONBLE ADDL.CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (FTSC-IV) BENGALURU.

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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

1. Accused in Special Case No.1720/2026 pending before the Court of Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge FTSC-IV, Bengaluru, arising out of Crime No.195/2026 registered by Marathahalli Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 4(2) and 6 of the POCSO Act, 2023, Section 67(B) of Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 64(2)(m), 87, 65(1) and 351(3) of BNS, 2023, is before this Court in this petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023, seeking regular bail.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties.

3. FIR in Crime No.195/2026 was registered by Marthahalli Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Section 64 of BNS, 2023 and Sections 4 and 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012, against petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 25.04.2026 received from respondent No.2,

who is the father of the victim girl. During the course of investigation, petitioner was arrested on 09.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Bail application filed before the Trial Court in Crl.Misc.No.4979/2026 was rejected on 12.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information dated 25.04.2026 submitted by the father of the victim girl, it is stated that petitioner and the victim girl got acquainted to each other through Instagram application and subsequently, they were talking and chatting with each other. On 28.11.2025 and 29.11.2025, petitioner, who came to the house of the first informant allegedly had sexual intercourse with his minor daughter and subsequently, on 02.03.2026 also, petitioner who came to the house of the first informant had sexual intercourse with his minor daughter. On 25.03.2026, victim girl had gone to the house of the petitioner and on 28.03.2026, first informant after verifying that his minor daughter was in the house of the petitioner, had approached the police subsequently on 25.04.2026. Statement of the victim girl under Section 183 of BNSS, 2023, has been recorded in the present case on 06.05.2026. She has not made

any allegation against the petitioner about he committing any kind of penetrative sexual assault against her. Petitioner aged 19 years, who is said to be a student, is in custody. Investigation of the case is already completed. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and more so, the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 183 of BNSS, 2023, the following order:-

5. The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Special Case No.1720/2026 pending before the Court of Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge FTSC-IV, Bengaluru, arising out of Crime No.195/2026 registered by Marathahalli Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 4(2) and 6 of the POCSO Act, 2023, Section 67(B) of Information Technology Act, 2000 and Sections 64(2)(m), 87, 65(1) and 351(3) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioner shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts his appearance for valid reasons;

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

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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