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CNR: KAHC010729492026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16079 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI ARSALAAN QURESHI
S/O MUSTAQ AHMED,
AGED 26 YEARS,
R/AT 45, THIMMAIAH ROAD,
SHIVAJI NAGAR,
BENGALURU NORTH,
BENGALURU - 560 051.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. CHETHAN A., ADVOCATE)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY THE P.S.I.,
BETHAMANGALA POLICE STATION,
KGF, KOLAR DISTRICT,
REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT BUILDING,
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI. RAHUL RAI.K., HCGP)

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) BY THE ADVOCATE FOR THE PETITIONER PRAYING THAT THIS HONOURABLE COURT MAY BE PLEASED TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE I.E., BETHAMANGALA POLICE, KGF TO ENLARGE HIM ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO.82/2026, PENDING ON THE FILE OF HONBLE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DVN) AND CJM COURT, KGF, KOLAR DISTRICT., FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 11 AND 12 OF THE KARNATAKA PREVENTION OF COW SLAUGHTER AND CATTLE PRESERVATION ACT, 2020, SECTION 11 OF THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS ACT, 1960, SECTIONS 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 96 AND 98 OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF ANIMALS ACT, 1978 R/W SECTION 303(2) OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023, ETC.,

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. 5 in Crime No.82 of 2026 registered by Bethamangala Police Station, KGF, for offences punishable under Sections 11 and 12 of the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 2020, Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals Act, 1960, Sections 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 96 and 98 of the Transportation of Animals Act, 1978 r/w Section 303(2) of the Bharathiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, 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 the present case was registered against unknown persons in Crime No.82 of 2026 based on the credible information received by the first informant who is a police officer to the effect that in the cow-shed belonging to one Zakir Sharif, son of Ghafar Sharif, cows which are

stolen are kept for the purpose of slaughtering the same and selling the meat to the public. Apprehending arrest in the said case, petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.893 of 2026, which was rejected on 08.10.2026. Therefore, petitioner is before this Court.

4. In the first information dated 04.07.2026 submitted by the police officer attached to Bethamangala Police Station, it is stated that on 04.07.2026 at about 12.15 p.m., he had received credible information to the effect that in a cow-shed belonging to accused No.1/Zakir Sharif, cows which were brought in a Bolero Pick-up vehicle bearing registration No.RJ-14-GP-6480 were kept for the purpose of slaughtering the same and selling the meat to the public. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered against unknown person for the aforesaid offences and in the raid that was conducted to the aforesaid cow-shed, accused Nos.1 and 2 were arrested and eight cows, which were in the shed are said to have

been rescued. Accused Nos.1 and 2 who were arrested have been now granted regular bail by the jurisdictional Court. Undisputedly, petitioner has no other criminal antecedents. The petitioner is arraigned as an accused in the present case only based on the confession statement of co-accused who were arrested in the present case. The petitioner has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Under the circumstances, the following:

ORDER

The 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 his arrest in Crime No.82 of 2026 registered by Bethamangala Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 11 and 12 of the Karnataka Prevention of Cow Slaughter and Cattle Preservation Act, 2020, Section 11 of the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals Act, 1960, Sections 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 96 and 98 of the Transportation of Animals Act, 1978 r/w

Section 303(2) of the Bharathiya Nyaya Sanhita-2023, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer within fifteen 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/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties for the like-sum to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer;

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

3. Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them, whenever called upon;

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

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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