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NC: 2026:KHC:62407
CRL.P No. 16431 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010733822026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16431 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI MANJUNATHA
S/O NAGARAJAPPA H.N
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
R/AT MADIVALA VILLAGE
MADIVALA POST, MADIVALA
MALURU, KOLAR - 563 130
ALSO/AT VILLAGE ACCOUNTANT
GANAGALURU CIRCLE
HOSAKOTE TALUK
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI S. KALYAN BASAVARAJ, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
REPRESENTED BY HOSKOTE
POLICE STATION, HOSKOTE
SUB-DIVISION, BENGALURU RURAL
DISTRICT, REP BY SPP
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 01.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THE PETITIONER IS DETAINED BY THE RESPONDENT POLICE AS PER THE ORDER PASSED BY THE PRL. DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL, BENGALURU IN CRL.MISC.NO.2072/2026 DTD 09.10.2026, AT DOCUMENT NO.5.

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

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.8 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, 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.244/2026 was registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the aforesaid offences against Rajamma and others, based on the first information dated 19.09.2026 received from the Office of the Tahasildar, Hoskote, Bengaluru District. Apprehending arrest in the said case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.2072/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 09.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information as well as the other documents available on record would go to show 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 Taulk. It is alleged 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 items of land, which were the subject matter of the aforesaid grant, in the name of his mother accused No.1 and subsequently, he had made certain manipulations in the original records. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered in Crime No.244/2026 against Rajamma and others.

5. Petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.8 in the FIR, was allegedly working as a Village Accountant during the relevant period in Hosakote. He has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Similarly situated accused No.7 has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.P.No.15899/2026 on 02.11.2026.

6. Under these circumstances, 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:

ORDER

i) The criminal petition is **allowed**.

ii) 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.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, 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.

In view of the aforesaid, IA does not survive for consideration.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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