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CRL.P No. 16329 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 6TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16329 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SHRI BASAVAIAH
AGED ABOUT 59 YEARS
S/O LATE SAVAIAH
BELAGOLA VILLAGE
SRIRANGAPATNA TALUK
MANDYA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI P. PRITHVI KIRAN SETTY, ADV.)

AND:

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY LOKAYUKTA POLICE
MANDYA, REP. BY SPECIAL
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
KARNATAKA LOKAYUKTA
HIGH COURT BUILDING COMPLEX
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI LETHIF B ,STANDING COUNSEL)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 439 CR.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNNS) PRAYING TO PASS AN ORDER GRANTING BAIL, THEREBY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED IN CR. NO. 02/2026 DATED 21.02.2026 ON THE FILE OF THE HON'BLE III ADDITIONAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, MANDYA

(SITTING AT SRIRANGAPATNA), FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 13(1)(a) R/W SEC. 13(2) OF THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT, 1988, AND SECTIONS 409, 420, 465, 468 AND 201 READ WITH SECTION 120-B OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE.

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 No.2 in Crime No. 2/2026 registered by the Lokayuktha Police Station, Mandya, for the offences punishable under Sections 13(1)(a) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and Sections 409, 420, 465, 468, 201 read with Section 120(B) of IPC, 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.2/2026 was registered by Lokayuktha Police, Mandya, for the aforesaid offences against Umesh and others based on the first information dated 12.12.2024 received from Kumar B. R, S/o Rajegwoda. In the said case, petitioner was arrested on 09.09.2026 and remanded to judicial

custody. His bail application filed thereafter has been rejected by the Trial Court. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the material on record would go to show that it is the case of the prosecution that property bearing Sy.No.101 of Belagola Village, Mandya District, totally measuring 19 acres 30 guntas is a government land and out of the aforesaid land, an extent of 6 acres 16 guntas was transferred in the name of one Jayesh Kumar on the strength of fabricated documents and thereafter, even revenue records of the aforesaid land were transferred in his name. The allegation in the first information which is submitted in the month of December, 2024, is to the effect that persons, who were working in the office of the Assistant Commissioner and other Government Offices have conspired with the aforesaid Jayesh Kumar for the purpose of creating documents. Petitioner was working as Village Assistant in Belagola Village and it is under these circumstances, he was arrested on 09.09.2026 and remanded to judicial custody.

5. It is brought to the notice of this Court that as against accused No.1, the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.4252/2026 has passed an interim order directing the respondent police not to take coercive action against him.

6. Learned counsel for the respondent, who has filed statement of objections opposing the bail application has submitted that accused No.1 as well as the petitioner have co-operated for the purpose of investigation.

7. Major portion of the investigation is already completed and allegations found against the accused in the present case is required to be proved based on documentary evidence, which are all in the custody of the respondent-police. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:-

8. The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.2/2026 registered by the Lokayuktha Police, Mandya, for the offences punishable under Sections 13(1)(a) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of

Corruption Act, 1988 and Sections 409, 420, 465, 468, 201 read with Section 120(B) of IPC, 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;

e) The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Trial Court without permission of the said Court until the case registered against him is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

DN/List No.: 1 Sl No.: 72