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CRL.P No. 16397 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010739462026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16397 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. ALAMELU S @ ALAMELU SAMPATHSEKAR
W/O SAMPATHSEKAR
AGE ABOUT 60 YEARS
RESIDING AT L1 FLAT
13TH FLOOR, CASA GRAND MASSIEYS
NRT ROAD, ROYAPURAM, CHENNAI
TAMIL NADU - 600 013.

2. SAMPATHSEKAR V @SAMPATH SEKAR
@ SAMPATH SEKAR VARADARAJAN
S/O VARADHARAJAN
AGE ABOUT 65 YEARS
RESIDING AT NO.50/62
ARATHOON ROAD
ROYAPURAM, CHENNAI
TAMIL NADU - 600 013.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI K. DIWAKARA SR. ADV., FOR
SRI HITESH GOWDA B.J, ADV.)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY AMRUTHAHALLY P.S
REP BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO DIRECT THE AMRUTHAHALLY POLICE/ RESPONDENT TO

ENLARGE THE PETITIONERS/ ACCUSED NO. 4 AND 5 ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN CRIME NO. 274/2026 BEFORE THE IV ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 316(4), 318(4), 61 AND 3(5) OF BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023.

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 nos.4 & 5 in Crime No.274/2026 registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 61, 3(5) of BNS, 2023, are 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.274/2026 was registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the aforesaid persons against Harish Kumar and others based on the first information dated 04.09.2026 received from Y.S.Sathya Narayana - Manager of Logistics Company known as Ceva Logistics (India) Pvt. Ltd. Apprehending arrest in the said case,

petitioners had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No.9892/2026 which was rejected on 15.10.2026. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the typed first information dated 04.09.2026 would reveal that allegation of cheating and misappropriation is made against accused no.1 - Harish Kumar and accused no.2 - Ranjan Hatti who are the employees of the complainant-company. Petitioners herein are the Director and Managing Director of the Company known as MVR Shipping Private Limited. There is no specific allegation as to the role of the petitioners herein in the alleged crime. It is alleged that invoices were raised through MVR Shipping Company, of which the petitioners are the Director and Managing Director. Petitioners who are husband and wife do not have any other criminal antecedents. They have undertaken to cooperate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Considering the nature of allegations against the petitioners, I am of the opinion that their prayer for grant of anticipatory bail is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

5. The petition is allowed. The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioners in the event of their arrest in Crime No.274/2026 registered by Amruthahally Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 61, 3(5) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Petitioners 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/- each with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

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

3. Petitioners shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and they 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.

(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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