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CRL.P No. 16546 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010745412026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16546 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. GURUPRASAD P
   S/O SRI PUTTASWAMY
   AGED ABOUT 41 YEARS
   R/AT NO.72, NAJANGUD TALUK
   BILIGERE, MYSORE
   KARNATAKA - 571 129.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI NATARAJ D, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
   ADUGODI POLICE STATION
   BANGALORE, REPRESENTED BY
   STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
   OFF/AT HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
   BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE HIM ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL U/S 482 OF BNSS AND IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST ARISING OUT OF FIR IN CR.NO.162/2026 REGISTERED BY ADUGODI P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 318(4) AND 3(5) OF BNS, 2023, PENDING BEFORE THE HONBLE 39th ACMM, AT BENGALURU.

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

1. Accused No.4 in Crime No.162/2026 registered by Adugodi Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 337, 339 read with Section 3(5) 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.162/2026 was registered by Adugodi Police Station, Bengaluru, for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 3(5) of BNS, 2023, against Prabhakar and another based on the first information dated 13.07.2026 received from Sachin S/o Devaraj, who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation, accused Nos.1 and 2 were arrested and based on their confession statement, offences punishable under Sections 337 and 339 of BNS, 2023, was invoked in the present case against accused. Apprehending arrest in the case, petitioner had approached the

jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.9334/2026, which was rejected on 01.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information submitted by the alleged victim, it is stated that he is working as an Associate Engineer in a private multinational company and in the month of September, 2025, he had purchased Eco Sports car bearing Reg.No.KA52/P5393. Since he intended to sell the said car, he had approached accused Nos.1 and 2, who were introduced to him by his friend Sharath. Accused Nos.1 and 2 had taken possession of the said car and had paid him a sum of Rs.80,000/- and also assured to clear the outstanding loan amount which he had borrowed from Bajaj Finance Company for the purpose of purchasing the car. Subsequently, the Finance Company informed him that his loan amount was overdue. On enquiry, he came to know that accused persons had pledged the said car with a third party and had not repaid the loan amount, which was outstanding. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered against accused Nos.1 and 2.

5. Investigation material would reveal that accused Nos.1 and 2 along with the other accused persons including the petitioner herein are indulged in committing similar frauds. It is alleged that petitioner and other accused persons had manipulated the registration number of the car in question and sold the same to third party. Learned HCGP has brought to the notice of this Court that prior to the present case, three other criminal cases were registered against the petitioner with similar allegations. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that petitioner is not entitled for the discretionary relief of anticipatory bail. Accordingly, the petition is ***dismissed***.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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