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CRL.P No. 16708 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010756962026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16708 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SHIVANNA
S/O MEENAPPA
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
R/O BADAGOLLARAHATTI
YALLADAKERE, HIRIYUR TALUK
CHITRADURGA DIST - 577 598.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. ANUPAMA D.A, ADV., FOR
SRI GIRISH B BALADARE, ADV.)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY AJJAMPURA POLICE STATION
CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST - 577 101
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) CR.P.C PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PETITION AND ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME NO. 256/2026 REGISTERED BY THE AJJAMPURA POLICE STATION, CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTION 108 OF BNS, PENDING ON THE FILE OF ADDL.

CIVIL JUDGE (JR. DN) & JMFC COURT, TARIKERE, CHIKKAMAGALURU DIST.

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 in Crime No.256/2026 registered by Ajjampura Police Station, Chikkamagaluru for the offences punishable under Section 108 of BNS, 2023, 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.256/2026 was registered by Ajjampura Police Station, Chikkamagaluru for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 29.09.2026 received from Sri Kariyappa, father of deceased Yashodamma. In the said case, the petitioner was arrested on 03.10.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional

Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.655/2026 was rejected on 16.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would reveal that the marriage of the petitioner with Yashodamma, who is the deceased in the present case, was performed about 21 years prior to the date of registration of the FIR. From the wedlock, the couple have two sons. It is alleged that the petitioner was in the habit of consuming alcohol and quarreling with his wife.

5. On 15.09.2026, Yashodamma had committed suicide by hanging herself to a tree. FIR in the present case was registered after a lapse of nearly two weeks from the date of death of Yashodamma. There is no mention of petitioner committing any act immediately prior to Yashodamma committing suicide, which would have abetted or instigated her to commit suicide. The petitioner, who is the husband of the deceased, is in custody for the last one month. Major portion of the investigation is already completed.

6. 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, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i) The Criminal Petition is ***allowed***.

ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.256/2026 registered by Ajjampura Police Station, Chikkamagaluru for the offences punishable under Section 108 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The petitioner shall execute 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

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