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CRL.P No. 16987 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16987 OF 2026

(439(Cr.PC) / 483(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. SMT. RESHMA BANU
   @ RESHMABANU
   W/O MOHAMMED SUHAIL
   AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS
   R/AT. NEAR MARUTHI MEDICALS
   THAGACHAGUPPE, KUMBALAGODU
   KENGERI, BENGALURU - 560 074.

2. SRI MOHAMMED SUHAIL @ SUHEL
   S/O MOHAMMED HAFIZ
   AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS
   R/AT. NEAR MARUTHI MEDICALS
   THAGACHAGUPPE, KUMBALAGODU
   KENGERI, BENGALURU - 560 074.

...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI THEJAS M.R., ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE
REPRESENTED BY
CHANDRA LAYOUT POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY
THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

BENGALURU – 560 001.

…RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K., HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 483 OF THE BHARATIYA NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA, 2023 PRAYING THAT TO ENLARGE PETITIONER NO.1 (ACCUSED NO.2) AND PETITIONER NO.2 (ACCUSED NO.3) ON BAIL IN CRIME NO.283/2026 REGISTERED BY THE RESPONDENT CHANDRA LAYOUT POLICE STATION, BENGALURU CITY, FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 140(2), 127(3), 74, 76, 137(1), 118(1), 324(4), 352, 351(2) AND 351(3) READ WITH SECTION 190 OF THE BHARATIYA NYAYA SANHITA, 2023 AND SECTION 66E OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT 2000, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE LEARNED XLVI ADDITIONAL CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BENGALURU AND ETC.,

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 Nos.2 and 3 in Crime No.283/2026 registered by Chandra Layout Police Station, Bengaluru for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 127(3), 74, 76, 137(1), 118(1), 324(4), 352, 351(2), 351(3) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (hereinafter referred to as 'BNSS, 2023', for short) and

under Section 66 (E) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 are 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.283/2026 was registered by the Chandra Layout Police Station, Bengaluru for the aforesaid offences against Nazath Begam and others based on the first information dated 31.08.2026 received from Usna Banu @ Geetha. In the said case, petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in the FIR were arrested on 31.08.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Their bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.9298/2026 was rejected on 07.10.2026. Therefore, they are before this Court.

4. A reading of the typed first information dated 31.08.2026 submitted by the alleged victim would go to show that she and accused No.2 are acquainted to each other for the last four years and through accused No.2,

she got introduced to accused No.1 Nazath Begam. It is stated in the first information that the alleged victim had borrowed money from accused No.1 and she could not repay the amount borrowed with interest to accused No.1. Therefore, accused No.1 allegedly had threatened the alleged victim with dire consequences to her life. It is under these circumstances, victim allegedly had vacated her house and had taken shelter in her mother's house. On 27.08.2026, accused persons allegedly kidnapped victim girl and demanded payment of Rs.11,00,000/- from her and thereafter, abused and assaulted her with hands. It is also alleged that accused persons took the victim lady to the office of a lawyer and made her to sign certain papers in the said office and thereafter, brought her back and kept her in confinement. Subsequently, police came to the said house and rescued her.

5. From a reading of the first information, it appears that since the alleged victim had failed to repay the

amount borrowed by her, accused persons have taken her along with them and demanded repayment of money. Petitioners herein are said to be husband and wife, who do not have any criminal antecedents. They are in custody for the last more than 75 days. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. Considering the aforesaid aspect of the matter, the following:-

ORDER

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

ii) The petitioners are directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.283/2026 registered by Chandra Layout Police Station, Bengaluru for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 127(3), 74, 76, 137(1), 118(1), 324(4), 352, 351(2), 351(3) and 190 of the BNSS, 2023, and under Section 66 (E) of the Information Technology Act, 2000 subject to the following conditions:

a) Petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each (Rupees One

Lakh only) with one sureties for the likesum, to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court;

b) The petitioners shall appear regularly on all the dates of hearing before the Trial Court unless the Trial Court exempts their appearance for valid reasons;

c) The petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses; and

d) The petitioners shall not involve in similar offences in future;

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

MH/-
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