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CRL.P No. 16929 of 2026

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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. 16929 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

SRI SANTHOSH V
S/O VENATESHAPPA
AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS
LAKSHMIVENKATESHWARA NILAYA
BAAGURU VILLAGE, ANUGONDANAHALLI
HOBLI, HOSAKOTE TALUK
BENGALURU - 562 114.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI CHINMAYI G, ADV., FOR
SRI THEJESH P, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU.

...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 ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN 244/2026 REGISTERD BY HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 318(4),336(2),336(3),337,338,340(2),61(1) OF BNS PENDING IN THE FILE OF THE HONBLE COURT PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC.

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.5 in Crime No.244/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2), 61(1) 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.244/2026 was registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the aforesaid offences against Rajamma and others, based on the first information dated 19.09.2026 received from the Office of the Tahasildar, Hosakote, Bengaluru District. Petitioner, who is arrayed as accused no.5 in the FIR, was arrested on 07.10.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. His bail application filed before the jurisdictional Court in Crime No.244/2026 was rejected on 29.10.2026. Therefore, petitioner is before this Court.

4. The allegation against the petitioner is that he had assisted accused no.2 along with accused nos.6 & 7 for the

purpose of making changes in the original order of grant passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner for Inams Abolition in proceedings bearing No.2591/1962-63. Accused no.7 has been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.P.No.15878/2026 and accused no.6 has been granted regular bail in Crl.P.No.16495/2026. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that petitioner's prayer for grant of regular bail is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

5. Petition is allowed. The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.244/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the offences punishable under Section 318(4), 336(2), 336(3), 337, 338, 340(2), 61(1) of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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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