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CRL.P No. 16931 of 2026

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16931 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

KUM. POONAM CHAKRABORTHY
D/O SANJAY CHAKRABORTHY
AGE ABOUT 28 YEARS
R/AT FLAT NO D-510
ARATTA MILANO APARTMENT
GATTAHALLI ANEKAL TALUK
BANGALORE RURAL
ALSO R/AT LAL DAHAR
AWC GHATIKORI NORTH
TRIPURA ZILLA, TRIPURA - 799 290.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI KRISHNE GOWDA M, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
STATE BY HEBBAGODI P.S.
REPTD. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI CHANNAPPA ERAPPA, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 439 CR.P.C (U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO PASS AN ORDER OF BAIL ENLARGING THE PETITIONER IN CR.NO.452/2026 REGISTERED BY HEBBAGODI P.S., PENDING BEFORE THE IV ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, AT ANEKAL, FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 140(2),308(4),61 R/W 3(5) OF BNS, 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 no.1 in Crime No.452/2026 registered by Hebbagodi Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 308(4), 61 read with 3(5) 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.452/2026 was registered by Hebbagodi Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner and others based on the first information dated 25.08.2026 received from Shebin Baby who is the alleged victim in the present case. During the course of investigation, petitioner was arrested on 02.09.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Her bail application filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No.5521/2026 was rejected. Therefore, she is before this Court.

4. Accused nos.3 & 4 in the present case had approached this Court seeking regular bail in Crl.P.No.15421/2026 which

was allowed on 29.10.2026. In paragraph nos.5 to 9 of the said order, it is observed as under:

> "5. In the First Information dated 25.08.2026 submitted by the alleged victim, he has stated that he hails from Kerala State and got introduced to accused No.1 Poonam through a dating application known as "AISLE". Subsequently, the petitioner and accused started chatting with each other and on 19.08.2026 Poonam allegedly invited the petitioner to meet her. Accordingly, petitioner had gone to meet Poonam and she allegedly had picked up him in the car driver by her. Subsequently, she had parked the said car in an isolated place for the purpose of smoking cigarette. At that time four persons who came there, allegedly threatened the first informant and Poonam. They subsequently sat in the car along with the first informant and aforesaid Poonam and drove away the car. The said accused persons along with Poonam thereafter threatened the first informant and snatched cash amount of Rs.7,000/- which he had and also made him to withdraw money from ATM cards and also to transfer money to their bank account. Totally they took away a sum of Rs.3,75,000/- from the first informant.
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> 6. In respect of the alleged incident that had taken place on the intervening night of 19.08.2026 and 20.08.2026, the first informant belatedly filed a complaint on 25.08.2026. In the first information itself, he has stated that the victim is from Kerala and he does not

know Kannada. However, the first information is typed in Kannada and belatedly filed.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that there was some financial transaction between the parties and it is under these circumstances petitioners are falsely implicated in the present case.

8. The petitioners do not have any criminal antecedents and they are in custody for more than 50 days. The major portion of the investigation is already completed.

9. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter, I am of the opinion that prayer made by the petitioners for grant of regular bail needs to be answered affirmatively."

5. It is not in dispute that petitioner who is a lady aged about 28 years has no other criminal antecedents. Major portion of the investigation is already completed. 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:

6. The petition is allowed. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.452/2026 registered by Hebbagodi Police Station, Bengaluru City, for the offences punishable

under Sections 140(2), 308(4), 61 read with 3(5) 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 her 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 her is disposed off.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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