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CRL.P No. 17148 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010771372026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 17148 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. SRI VENKATARAMANAPPA
S/O CHOWDAPPA
AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS
R/AT GOLLUCHINNAPANAHALLI
VILLAGE, GANGREKALVE POST
CHIKKABALLAPURA DISTRICT
KARNATAKA - 562 101.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI CHANDAN B.K, ADV.)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION
BANGALORE, REPRESENTED BY SPP
HIGH COURT PREMISES
BANGALORE - 01.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO SET ASIDE THE ORDER DATED 19.10.2026 PASSED BY THE LEARNED PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU, IN CRL. MISC. NO.2094/2026, AND CONSEQUENTLY ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL BY DIRECTING THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO.231/2026 OF HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 406, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 420, 120(B) AND 506 OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE LEARNED PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC, HOSAKOTE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

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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.3 in Crime No.231/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 420, 120B, 506 IPC, 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.231/2026 was registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the aforesaid offences against one Shashikumar and others based on the first information dated 10.09.2026 received from one Paramesh S/o Nanjundappa. Apprehending arrest in the said case, petitioner had approached the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl. Misc. No.2094/2026, which was rejected on 19.10.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. The allegation against the accused persons named in the FIR is to the effect that they had represented to the alleged victim that they had political connection and had received huge money from them. They had collected huge money from the victim and others after giving false assurance to them. Subsequently, after coming to know about the fraud played by the accused, the victim had approached the police.

5. During the course of investigation, accused nos.1 & 2 were arrested in the present case. Based on the confession statement of accused no.2, petitioner is now arrayed as accused no.3 in the present case. Remand application of accused no.2 would reveal that during the course of inquiry, he had confessed that he and the petitioner had received a sum of Rs.10 lakhs from accused no.1 with an assurance that they will help him for getting a case closed registered against him under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Except the said allegation, there is no allegation against the petitioner.

6. Learned HCGP, on instructions, submits that there is no recovery from accused no.2 who was arrested in the present case. Accused no.2 has been granted regular bail in the present case by the learned Magistrate. Petitioner who has no other criminal antecedents, has undertaken to cooperate with the police for the purpose of investigation. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that petitioner's prayer for grant of anticipatory bail is required to be answered affirmatively. Accordingly, the following order:

7. The petition is allowed. The respondent - Police or any other police in the State of Karnataka are directed to release the petitioner in the event of his arrest in Crime No.231/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District, for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 465, 466, 467, 468, 471, 420, 120B, 506 IPC, subject to the following conditions:

> 1. The Petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer within 15 days from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/-

with two sureties for the likesum to the satisfaction of the investigating officer.

2. Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.

3. Petitioner shall not tamper with the prosecution witness and he shall co-operate with the police for investigation and appear before them whenever called upon.

4. The petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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