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CRL.P No. 17100 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010777482026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 17100 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

MR. J M NARENDRA BABU
S/O MUNISSHAMI SHETTY
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
R/AT PATHANELAVANKI
LAKSHMIPURA CROSS
SRINIVASPUR TALUK - 563 135
KOLAR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI NAGARAJA S, ADV.)

AND:

STATE BY KARNATAKA
BY RAYALPAD POLICE STATION
SRINIVASAPUR TALUK
KOLAR DISTRICT
REP. 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 FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO.87/2026 REGISTERED BY THE RESPONDENT POLICE / RAYALPAD POLICE, SRINIVASAPURA TALUK, KOLAR DISTRICT, FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES P/U/S 115(2), 118(1), 352, 351(2), 75(2) OF BNS, 2023 ON THE FILE OF ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE (Jr.Dn) AND JMFC COURT, KOLAR DISTRICT.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

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ORAL ORDER

1. Accused in Crime No.87/2026 registered by Rayalpad Police Station, Kolar District, for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 352, 351(2), 75(2) of BNS, 2023, 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.87/2026 was registered by Rayalpad Police Station, Kolar District, for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein based on the first information dated 11.10.2026 received from the victim girl. Apprehending arrest in the said case, petitioner had filed Crl. Misc. No.1044/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 02.11.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information would reveal that petitioner is acquainted to the victim girl and her family members. It appears that petitioner is cultivating certain lands belonging to the family of the victim girl. It is alleged that in the year 2024, petitioner had misbehaved with the victim girl

and also had touched her inappropriately and outraged her modesty. Though the victim girl had informed the same to her mother, no police complaint was lodged in respect of the said incident. It is also alleged that in the year 2024, petitioner had forcibly taken an amount of Rs.1,30,000/- from the victim girl and her mother and had not returned the same. It is now alleged that on 04.10.2026, petitioner who came near the house of the victim girl, once again misbehaved with her and tried to outrage her modesty. It is under these circumstances, in respect of the alleged incident that had taken place on 04.10.2026, belatedly first information was registered on 11.10.2026.

5. Undisputedly, petitioner has no other criminal antecedents. It appears that he is an agriculturist by avocation. Family of the victim girl and the petitioner are acquainted to each other and even according to the victim, petitioner has taken their immovable property on lease. Considering the nature of allegations as against the petitioner, the delay in approaching the police and also the punishment provided for the alleged offences, I am of the opinion that the prayer made

by the petitioner who has undertaken to cooperate with the police for the purpose of investigation, is required to be granted. Accordingly, the following order:

6. 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.87/2026 registered by Rayalpad Police Station, Kolar District, for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 118(1), 352, 351(2), 75(2) of BNS, 2023, 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.
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> 2. Petitioner shall regularly appear before the Trial Court without fail unless exempted by the Trial Court for valid reasons.
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> 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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