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CRL.P No. 17197 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010782432026

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. 17197 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. MR. SHARAN KUMAR H
@ SHARAN H
S/O SAMPATH KUMAR
AGED ABOUT 36 YEARS
R/AT NO.2271, 2ND MAIN ROAD
'D' BLOCK DATTAGALI, MYSURU
ALSO AT R/AT NO.901
13TH CROSS, KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT
1ST STAGE, BENGALURU.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI SATISH KUMAR K, ADV.)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT
POLICE STATION,
REP. BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS PETITION AND ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST ARISING OUT OF CR.NO.279/2026 REGISTERED BY KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES P/U/S 76,74,118(1),352,115(2),117(2),351(2) OF BNS, PENDING BEFORE THE 30th ACJM, BENGALURU.

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 in Crime No.279/2026 registered by Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 74, 76, 118(1), 115(2), 117(2), 351(2) and 352 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.279/2026 was registered by Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station, Bengaluru City for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner herein, based on the first information dated 24.10.2026 received from the alleged victim lady, aged 41 years. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.10619/2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 07.11.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. In the first information dated 24.10.2026, it is stated that, on 22.10.2026, the victim lady had gone to the house of Shravan Kumar, who is said to be the brother of the petitioner herein. Shravan Kumar was not in the house and the victim lady was informed that he was in a bar and restaurant and therefore, she had gone near the said bar and restaurant and asked Shravan Kumar to come outside. Petitioner, who came out of the said bar and restaurant, allegedly abused the victim lady and assaulted her with his hands and also with a stone, causing injuries. According to the victim lady, she and Shravan Kumar were in love and subsequently, Shravan Kumar started avoiding her and therefore, she had gone to meet him. In respect of the alleged incident that had taken place on 22.10.2026, the first information was belatedly filed on 24.10.2026, which is after a period of two days.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner has produced material before this Court which would go to show that multiple cases have been registered against the victim lady with allegations of cheating and honey trapping. Petitioner, who has

no other criminal antecedents, has undertaken to co-operate with the police for the purpose of investigation.

6. Under these circumstances, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail needs to be answered affirmatively subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i) The criminal petition is ***allowed***.

ii) 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.279/2026 registered by Kumaraswamy Layout Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 74, 76, 118(1), 115(2), 117(2), 351(2) and 352 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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.

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

c) 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.

d) Petitioner shall not involve in similar offences in future.

iii) I.A.No.1/2026 do not survive for consideration.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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