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CRL.P No. 17263 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 17263 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

NAGARAJU
S/O.LATE NINGEGOWDA,
@NINGEGOWDA,
AGED 57 YEARS,
RESIDING AT DODDAMUDAVADI VILLAGE
HAROHALLI HOBLI AND TALUK,
BENGALURU SOUTH DISTRICT
PIN – 560 068.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI PARTHA SARATHY M., ADVOCATE)

AND:

Digitally signed by SANJEEVINI J KARESHETTY
Location: High Court of Karnataka

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY KANAKAPURA RURAL POLICE,
REPRESENTED BY
STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
DR.AMBEDKAR VEEDHI ROAD,
BENGALURU – 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI B.N.JAGADEESHA, ADDL.SPP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S 438 CR.P.C, (FILED U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL AND DIRECT I.O OF KANAKAPURA RURAL

POLICE TO RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CR.NO.110/2025 FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCE P/U/S 409, 418, 420, 465, 468 AND 201 OF IPC (RESPECTIVELY 316(5), 318(3), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3) AND 238 OF BNS) PENDING BEFORE THE HON'BLE I ADDL.CIVIL JUDGE (JR.DN) AND J.M.F.C COURT AT KANAKAPURA.

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

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.NAGAPRASANNA**

ORAL ORDER

Petitioner is before the court seeking grant of anticipatory bail in Crime No. 110 of 2025 registered for the offences punishable under Sections 409, 418, 420, 465, 468 and 201 of IPC (316(5), 318(3), 318(4), 336(2), 336(3) and 238 of BNS).

2. Heard Sri Partha Sarathy M, learned counsel appearing for petitioner and Sri B N Jagadeesha, learned Additional State Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent.

3. The petitioner is accused no. 1, the former Secretary of Milk Producers Co-operative Society, Doddamuduvali village.

The allegation against the petitioner are the ones punishable under Sections 409, 418, 420, 465, 468 and 201 of the IPC. The fulcrum of the allegation is that when the petitioner was a Secretary, he has indulged in certain acts which has become misappropriation of funds to the tune of ₹19,72,724/-. The complaint so registered against the petitioner runs for the period from 1996-97 to 2022-23 during which the petitioner worked as a Secretary of the said Milk Union.

4. In the light of the offences being punishable with imprisonment of 7 years or less, the petitioner is entitled to grant of anticipatory bail, with certain stringent conditions.

5. For the aforesaid reasons, the following:

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is allowed and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.110 of 2025 of Kanakapura Rural Police Station, pending on the file of the learned I Additional Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC, Kanakapura, subject to the following conditions:

i) The petitioner shall surrender himself before the Investigating Officer and shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two solvent sureties for the like-sum to the satisfaction of the concerned Investigating Officer;

ii) The petitioner shall not indulge in hampering the investigation and tampering the prosecution witnesses;

iii) The petitioner shall co-operate with the Investigating Officer to complete the investigation, and he shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when called for;

iv) The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Court without prior permission of the Investigating Officer, till the charge sheet is filed or for a period of three months whichever is earlier; &

v) The petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police once in 15 days and mark his presence.

vi) In the event of violation of any of the above terms, the above bail shall stand automatically cancelled.

vii) The observations made above are only for the purpose of consideration of the application for anticipatory bail and the

same shall not in any manner influence the trial. The trial Court shall consider the case on its merits and without being influenced by this order.

Sd/-
(M.NAGAPRASANNA)
JUDGE

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