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CRL.P No. 16587 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010752002026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 16587 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

AJITHA K
D/O KUMAR NAIR
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS
R/AT NO. 191, NILESH NILAYA
NRI LAYOUT, RAMAMURTHY NAGAR
MAHADEVAPURA, BBMP (NORTH)
BENGALURU - 560 016
(THE PETITIONER IS IN JUDICIAL CUSTODY)

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI NISHIT KUMAR SHETTY, ADV.)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION
BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDING
BANGALORE - 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI RAHUL RAI K, HCGP)

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Location: HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA

THIS CRL.P IS FILED U/S.439 (FILED U/S.483 BNSS) CR.P.C PRAYING TO ORDER FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME NO.254/2026 OF HOSAKOTE POLICE STATION, BENGALURU FOR THE OFFENCE P/US/ 316(4),318(4),336(3),340(2),334,338,344 OF BNS PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE ADDL CIVIL JUDGE (JR.Dn) AND JMFC COURT, HOSAKOTE BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT.

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

CNR: KAHC010752002026

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S VISHWAJITH SHETTY

ORAL ORDER

Accused No.1 in Crime No.254/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 316(4), 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 334, 338 and 344 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.254/2026 was registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the aforesaid offences against the petitioner and another, based on the first information dated 26.09.2026 received from Sri Rajesh Sharma, authorised representative of a company known as Kalatmak Spatican Systems Pvt., Ltd. In the said case, the petitioner was arrested on 27.09.2026 and remanded to judicial custody. Her bail application, thereafter filed before the jurisdictional Sessions Court in Crl.Misc.No.2316/2026 was rejected on 29.10.2026. Therefore, she is before this Court.

4. A reading of the first information submitted by the authorised representative of the aforesaid company would

indicate that the petitioner was earlier working in the said company as Account Manager for the period from 02.05.2025 to 11.07.2026. The allegation against the petitioner is that during the aforesaid period, she had misappropriated totally an amount of Rs.44,21,382/- and the misappropriated amount was deposited in the bank account of her relatives.

5. Petitioner, who is a married lady having minor children, was arrested in the present case on 27.09.2026 and ever since then, she is in custody. It is brought to the notice of this Court by the learned counsel for the petitioner that mother of the petitioner has expired on 11.11.2026. He has produced certain documents along with a memo, which would indicate that mother of the petitioner has died on 11.11.2026. Maximum punishment for the alleged offences is imprisonment for a period of seven years. Major portion of the investigation is completed.

6. Considering the aforesaid aspects of the matter and also having regard to the proviso to Section 480 of BNSS, 2023, I am of the opinion that the prayer made by the petitioner for grant of regular bail needs to be answered

affirmatively, subject to appropriate conditions. Accordingly, the following:

ORDER

i) The Criminal Petition is **allowed**.

ii) The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in Crime No.254/2026 registered by Hosakote Police Station, Bengaluru District for the offences punishable under Section 316(4), 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 334, 338 and 344 of BNS, 2023, subject to the following conditions:

a) The 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 his 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;

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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