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CRL.P No. 14268 of 2026

CNR: KAHC010642182026

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. 14268 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

ALTAF KHAN
S/O MOHAMMED YUSUF,
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS,
R/AT NO. 142/1, NEAR JUBILI SCHOOL AND
R.K. COMPLEX, VIJINAPURA,
BENGALURU - 560 016

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. SYED AKMAL HASAN RAZVI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY PEENYA POLICE STATION,
BENGALURU,
BY THE STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AT
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA,
BENGALURU BENCH - 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 438 CR.P.C. (FILED U/S 482 BNNS) PRAYING TO A. ALLOW THIS CRIMINAL PETITION. B. DIRECT THAT IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CRIME NO.162/2022 REGISTERED BY THE PEENYA POLICE STATION,

BENGALURU (PENDING AS CC NO.8475/2023) THE PETITIONER SHALL BE RELEASED ON BAIL ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS).

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 No.2 in CC No.8475 of 2023 pending before the Court of XXXI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru, arising out of Crime No.162 of 2022 registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 468, 471, 419, 420, 120(B) read with Section 34 of IPC, 1860, 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.162 of 2022 was registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences

punishable under Section 419 and 420 of IPC, 1860 against Santhosh U., and others, based on the first information dated 27.05.2022 received from Santhosh.C.U. Apprehending arrest in the case, the petitioner had filed Crl.Misc.No.7985 of 2026 before the jurisdictional Sessions Court, which was rejected on 22.08.2026. Therefore, he is before this Court.

4. The first informant is working as Finance Head in a private company known as Hidratech Industries Pvt. Ltd. It appears that when he approached his bankers for availing housing loan, he was informed that he had already borrowed a loan of Rs.50,00,000/-. On enquiry he came to know that by using his PAN number a person by name Santhosh U., had borrowed loan. It is under these circumstances, FIR was registered against Santhosh U and others in Crime No.162 of 2022.

5. Undisputedly, the petitioner's name is not found in the FIR. Accused No.1 was granted anticipatory bail in

the present case at crime stage by the Court of jurisdictional Sessions Judge in Crl.Misc.No.5483 of 2022 on 09.06.2022. The investigation of the case is completed and charge sheet is filed against 3 persons. Accused No.3 also has been granted anticipatory bail in the present case by the Court of jurisdictional Sessions Judge. The allegation against the petitioner is that he had assisted accused No.1 in committing the alleged offence. Undisputedly, accused No.1 is the borrower of loan by misusing the PAN number of the first informant. Submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner that he has no other criminal antecedents, is not seriously disputed by the learned High Court Government Pleader.

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 :

O R D E R

(i) The criminal 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 CC No.8475 of 2023 pending before the Court of XXXI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru, arising out of Crime No.162 of 2022 registered by Peenya Police Station, Bengaluru City for the offences punishable under Section 468, 471, 419, 420, 120(B) read with Section 34 of IPC, 1860, 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.

Sd/-
(S VISHWAJITH SHETTY)
JUDGE

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