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**IN THE COURT OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS
JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT, BENGALURU.**

Dated this the 02nd day of April, 2026.

PRESENT:

Smt. B.S. Rekha, B.A.(Law), LL.M.,
Principal District & Sessions Judge,
Bengaluru Rural District,
Bengaluru.

Crl.Misc.No.532/2026

Petitioner : Akshay S., S/o Nanjesh,
Aged about 26 years,
R/at: No.72, Udaya Layout,
Nalligudde Kera Road,
Bidadi, Ramanagara District,
Bengaluru.

Permanent r/of:
119, Ambedkar Colony,
Anekal, Jigani,
Bengaluru-560 105.

*Represented by
Sri Dilip Kumar U.T- Advocate.*

V/s.

Respondent : State of Karnataka by
Electronic City Police Station.

*Represented by
learned Public Prosecutor.*

ORDER

This is the petition filed U/S.483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter called as BNSS, 2023 for convenience) praying for release of petitioner on regular bail in Crime No.50/2026 of Electronic City Police Station, Rural District, Bengaluru for the offences punishable U/S.140 (2) R/W S.3(5) of the BNS, 2023 and U/S.25(1B)(b) of the Arms Act, 1959 on the file of learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Rural District, Bengaluru.

2.1. The facts of complaint are narrated in detail in the bail petition. It is further stated in the bail petition that alleged incident that had taken place on 15.02.2026, FIR has been belatedly lodged against unknown persons on 16.02.2026, which is after 16 hours from the alleged incident. In the first information, it is stated that accused persons had assaulted the pillion rider who is the injured/complainant on 15.02.2026 at

about 08.45 p.m., on the road, but no information has been given before the doctor while taking alleged treatment and doctor has not forwarded any MLC information to the jurisdictional police station. Therefore, it is clear that the entire story is a concocted one and the accused had been wrongfully implicated by the IO and the accused persons had informed the police of the prostitution taking place in the alleged spa owned by the Complainant. Due to vengeance, the alleged injured and the *defacto* complainant has concocted the story and wrongfully implicated the petitioner and other accused persons.

2.2. It is further contended that during investigation, no money has been seized and further the petitioner or any of the accused persons have never received any money from the victim, even as per the remand application no alleged car number has been mentioned. Therefore, major portion of the investigation

in the case is completed. The petitioner did not have any criminal antecedents. He is in custody from the date of his arrest. He is willing to furnish surety and is also willing to abide by the terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court. He is not at all required for investigation, as he is already remanded to judicial custody and custodial interrogation is not required. Hence, prayed for allowing the regular bail petition.

3. The learned Public Prosecutor has filed objections to the bail petition wherein, she has narrated the facts of the case in detail. It is further stated in the objections that there is *prima-facie* case against the petitioner. The offences committed by the petitioner is heinous in nature. If petitioner is released on bail, there is every chance of he committing similar offences, tampering and threatening the witnesses and abscondance from proceedings and would affect the society badly and will give wrong message to the

society. Hence, prayed for rejection of bail petition. Along with objections, IO report is furnished.

4. Heard arguments of both sides.

5. From the above facts, the points that arise for consideration are:-

1. Whether the petitioner is entitled for regular bail?

2. What order?

6. Findings of this Court on the above points are as under:-

Point No.1: In the ***Affirmative***;

Point No.2: As per final order for the following:-

REASONS

7. **Point No.1**:- On 16.02.2026, at about 1.45 p.m., Manukumar has lodged the complaint, which is registered in Crime No.50/2026 alleging the offences punishable U/S.140(2) R/W S.3(5) of BNS, 2023. Later,

during investigation the offence punishable U/S.25(1B) (b) of the Arms Act, 1959 is included.

8. It is stated in the complaint that the complainant being a Manager at "Bliss Dry Fruit" shop in Akshayanagar, Begur, on 15.02.2026, at about 9.00 p.m., was traveling home on a Pulsar 200 bike along with his employer-Ashith Jha near Bettadasanapura, Arena Sports Road; at that time, a white Swift Dzire car intercepted them and the occupants of the car forced them to get down and abused him in filthy language as 'ಲೊಡೆ ಕೇ ಬಾಲ್' and took out a machete and assaulted the complainant on his left knee; then kidnapped Ashith Jha by seeing another vehicle approaching and later forced Ashith Jha to call the complainant and during the call, Jha stated he was unharmed and asked the complainant not to go to the police and later the kidnappers then contacted another business partner-Prakash Mandal demanding a ransom of 2 Lakhs for

Jha's release, threatening to kill him if the money wasn't paid. Hence, prayed for taking suitable action against accused persons.

9. Based on this complaint, petitioner who is accused No.1 was arrested and produced before learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru on 18.02.2026 and then, he was remanded to judicial custody and now, petitioner is in judicial custody.

10. It is in the IO report that spot panchanama has been drawn and articles were seized and subjected them to P.F.No.38/2026 & P.F.No.39/2026. Later, during investigation the offence punishable U/S.25(1B)(b) of the Arms Act, 1959 is included against accused No.1. Moreover, the mobile phones of accused No.1 & 3 were seized and also the number plates of car also seized from accused No.3. It is in the IO report that accused No.1/petitioner was interrogated thoroughly.

11. This court has already granted bail to accused No.2 & 3 in Crl. Misc. No.394/2026 and 435/2026. Hence, this petitioner/accused No.1 who also stands on the same footing is entitled for bail on the ground of parity.

12. Anyway, investigation is in progress. The petitioner is already arrested and after investigation he is remanded to judicial custody. Thus, his custodial interrogation is not required. Furthermore, the petitioner is ready to furnish surety and would abide by the terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court for his release. Hence, the apprehension of learned Public Prosecutor that tampering and threatening prosecution witnesses, commission of similar offences and abscondence of petitioner could be safeguarded by imposing suitable conditions. Hence, this Court holds that petitioner is entitled for bail with some suitable

conditions. Accordingly, the point No.1 is answered in the ***Affirmative***.

13. **Point No.2:-** In view of findings on point No.1, this Court proceeds to pass the following:-

ORDER

The bail petition filed under Section 483 of BNSS, 2023 is hereby ***allowed***.

The petitioner is released on bail in Electronic City Police Station, Bengaluru Rural District, in Crime No.50/2026 for the offences punishable U/S.140(2) r/w 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and U/Ss.25(1B)(b) of the Arms Act on he executing self-bond for a sum of ₹.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with a surety for like sum to the satisfaction of learned Magistrate subject to following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall not threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses directly or indirectly.
2. He shall not commit similar offences.

3. In the event charge-sheet is filed against the petitioner, the petitioner shall appear before the Court regularly without fail till completion of trial without exception.
4. The surety is directed to produce title deeds of the property before the jurisdictional Magistrate.

If any of these conditions are violated, then, the bail bond will be automatically cancelled.

(Dictated to the Stenographer Grade-I, transcribed and typed by him, corrected, print out taken, signed and pronounced by me in the open Court on this the 02nd day of April, 2026)

(B.S. REKHA)

Prl. District & Sessions Judge,
Bengaluru Rural District,
Bengaluru.