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

Present:

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

Dated this the 17th day of June, 2026

Criminal Misc.No.1143/2026

- Petitioners:** 1. Venkatesh Reddy,
S/o Krishna Reddy,
Aged about 26 years,
R/at: No.37, 24th Main Road,
IV Cross, Agara,
Bengaluru South,
HSR Layout, Bengaluru-560 102.
2. Manoj Kumar L.,
S/o Lakshmaiah,
Aged about 29 years,
R/at: No17, V Ward,
Dommasandra,
Bengaluru-562 125.

(By Sri C.R. Bhaskar-Advocate)

-VERSUS-

Respondent: The State by Varthur Police.

(By learned Public Prosecutor)

ORDER

The learned counsel for petitioners has filed this petition U/S.482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter called as BNSS, 2023 for convenience) praying for anticipatory bail on behalf of petitioners in Crime No.92/2026 of Varthur Police alleging the offences punishable under Ss.78 & 351(3) R/W.3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (hereinafter called as BNS, 2023 for convenience) and under S.25(1) (D) of the Arms Act 1959 pending on the file of learned Addl. CJM, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru.

2. The facts of complaint are narrated in detail in the bail petition. It is further stated in the bail petition that there are no ingredients constituting the alleged offences. The petitioners are not at all involved in the

said case and they have got valid and tenable defence. The alleged offences are not punishable with death or imprisonment for life. The petitioners are the bread winners of their family. The petitioner No.1 is a cab driver and petitioner No.2 is an agriculturist. The petitioners are law abiding citizens. The petitioners are ready and willing to abide by the terms and conditions imposed by this court. The petitioners are ready and willing to offer surety to the satisfaction of this court. Hence, prayed for allowing the petition.

3. The Learned Public Prosecutor has filed objections to the petition, wherein she has narrated the entire facts of case in short and contended that the investigation of the case is still in progress. The FSL report is yet to be obtained. The offences alleged against the petitioners are heinous in nature. After obtaining anticipatory bail, there is a possibility that the petitioners will not appear to the court for trial,

will not be available to the police and may abscond permanently. There is also a possibility of they threatening the prosecution witnesses. The reasons stated in the application filed by the petitioners requesting anticipatory bail are not valid/sufficient reasons. Hence prayed for rejection of bail petition.

4. Heard arguments of both sides.

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

1. *Whether the petitioners are entitled for anticipatory 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:-

R E A S O N S

7. **Point No.1:-** One Yallamma has lodged the complaint on 20.02.2026 at 4.30 p.m., which is registered in Crime No.92/2026 alleging the offences punishable U/Ss.78, 351(3) r/w 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and under S.25(1)(d) of the Arms Act, 1959.

8.1. It is stated in the complaint that on 17.09.2024 the accused No.1 to 3 abducted her husband-Srinivas in a compromise issue of one Stalin and in the meantime, it is alleged that the accused called a student by name Revantha and committed his murder. In connection with it, her husband had given a statement under section 183 BNSS-2023 (164 of Cr.P.C). As such, the accused with an intention to commit the murder of her husband, followed several times without number plate vehicles.

8.2. On 16.02.2026, when she was at Anjanya Swamy Temple, the accused came in a two wheeler without number plate and threatened her son. Thereafter, she was preparing for house warming ceremony on 26.02.2026 at Sulikunte colony and in view of the same, on 18.02.2026 at about 1.53 p.m., she went to clean the new house and at that time accused No.2, 3 and others showing their fingers threatened them by signs and hence she filed complaint to take legal action against the accused No.1 to 3 and others.

9. The aforesaid facts alleged in the complaint *prima-facie* reveal the offences punishable under Ss.78, 351(3) r/w 3(5) of BNS, 2023 and under S.25(1)(d) of the Arms Act, 1959 and are non-bailable in nature.

10. The names of petitioners is not mentioned in the FIR.

11. It is alleged that the accused No.1 to 3 came in an auto-rickshaw bearing registration No.KA-01-AR-5210 and threatened the son of the complainant by showing weapons. Now, the only allegation against the petitioners is that they along with accused No.1 to 3 had been near the house of the complainant on the alleged date of incident. However, there is no overt act attributed against the petitioners in the alleged crime along with accused No.1 to 3.

12. This court has already granted bail to one of the accused whose name is also not mentioned in the FIR. Hence, the petitioners are also entitled for bail on the ground of parity.

13. Anyway, the investigation is still under progress. The petitioners are ready to abide by the terms and conditions that may be imposed by this Court for their release. The apprehension of learned

Public Prosecutor that tampering and threatening prosecution witnesses, commission of similar offences and abscondence of petitioners could be safeguarded by imposing suitable conditions.

14. For the above reasons, this Court holds that petitioners are entitled for anticipatory bail with some suitable conditions. Accordingly, the **point No.1** is answered in the ***Affirmative***.

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

O R D E R

The bail petition filed under Section 482 of BNSS, 2023 is hereby ***allowed***.

Anticipatory bail is granted to the petitioners. The respondent-Police is hereby directed to release the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest for the offences punishable Ss.351(3), 78 R/W. S.3(5) of BNS, 2023 and under Ss.25(1)(d) of the Arms Act

registered in Crime No.92/2026 of respondent police i.e., Varthur Police Station, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru subject to following conditions:-

1. The petitioners shall execute personal bond for a sum of ₹.1,00,000/- each with a surety for like-sum to the satisfaction of concerned Magistrate Court/arresting authority.
2. They shall not threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses directly or indirectly.
3. They shall not commit similar offences.
4. They shall appear before Investigating Officer, as and when called for investigation during the reasonable hours of the day.
5. They are hereby directed to appear before the concerned Magistrate within the period of 30 days from the date of this order to execute the personal bond and surety bond and also appear before the Investigating Officer.

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

(Dictated to the Stenographer, transcribed and typed by her, corrected, print out taken, signed and pronounced by me in the open Court on this the 17th day of June, 2026.)

(B.S. Rekha)

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