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**IN THE COURT OF THE PRL. DISTRICT & SESSIONS
JUDGE, AT: CHITRADURGA**

Present: **Sri Ron Vasudev, B.Com,LL.B.(Spl)**
*Prl. District & Sessions Judge,
Chitradurga*

Dated this the 2nd day of April, 2026

Crl.Misc.298/2026

Petitioner:		H.Manjunatha S/o Hanumanthappa, Aged about 34 years, R/o Sahyadri Badavane, 1 st Cross, Behind Government Arts College, Chitradurga Town.
		(By Sri.T.Shivamurthy, Advocate)

/versus/

Respondent:		State by Chitradurga Women Police (By the Public Prosecutor, Chitradurga)
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ORDER

This petition is filed under Section 482 of BNSS in respect of Chitradurga Women police station Cr.No.14/2026 registered for the offences punishable under U/Ss.115(2), 351(2), 85, 352 of BNS.

2. The gist of the complaint filed by one Smt. Gowramma W/o Manjunatha, resident of Chitradurga town is that, her marriage with accused was performed by her

sister and her brother-in-law on 01.09.2022 as she has lost her parents in her young age and at the time of marriage they gave lot of dowry to the accused and even after the marriage they also gave Rs.50,000/- to him so that the said can be paid as advance to get a house in Kelagote, Chitradurga. That after her marriage accused took care of her properly for initial days and thereafter he started insisting her to get more dowry from her elder sister and brother-in-law and he was continuously torturing her. Wherefore she filed complaint on 21.08.2024 in women police station alleging his misbehaviour. Immediately the accused came and requested her and assured that he would take proper care of her and by giving a written document in the month of November 2025, he took her back to his house situating at Sahyadri extension, Chitradurga. That in the month of December-2025 i.e., on 15.12.2025 she withdrawn that case in the court and she started residing with the accused with the hope that he has changed himself. Once the said case was withdrawn, accused once again showing his real colour, he started torturing her and was abusing and insulting her and insisted her to get additional dowry. He even threatened her that he would kill her elder sister and brother-in-law if they intervene in their marital life. Finally on 24.02.2026 at about 11.45 am stating that he would not leave her and he would kill her, he kicked and bet her. Having no other option escaping from his hands Gowramma went to the District Hospital Chitradurga, took treatment and after consulting with the elders she filed complaint on

28.02.2026 at 06.00 pm. Registering the said complaint, police are investigating in the matter.

3. In the petition, accused submits that he has not committed any offence as alleged against him and a false complaint has been filed against him in order to harass him; that he is a permanent resident of the address shown in the cause title and has got deep roots in the society and he is having a good reputation; that he is a peace loving and law abiding citizen and intentionally he has been involved in this false case so that his life should become miserable; that he is the only bread earner of his family and infact the brother-in-law of the Gowramma i.e. Sridhar and her relative Kariyappa came to their house on 24.02.2026 and they quarreled with them and regarding which his mother has filed complaint in the Chitradurga Extension PS Cr.No.31/2026, he submits that this complaint is only a counter blast in order to overcome the said complaint. Thus stating that offences alleged against him are not punishable with the death or life imprisonment and he is prepared to assist in the investigation, he prays to release him on bail.

4. On the other hand reiterating the complaint allegations the prosecution contends that after registration of the complaint the concerned police have visited the place of occurrence, prepared the mahazar, recorded the statements of witnesses and they prima-facie prove the contents of the complaint and from the date of incident this accused is absconding and he is not available for enquiry or

investigation and also that he is very influential and he has propensity to threaten the victim again and tamper its evidence, it seeks to reject his petition. It also contends that offences alleged are heinous one and it is not proper to admit him to bail. Thus on these grounds and other grounds it prays to reject his petition.

5. In view of these rival submissions, now the following points would arise for consideration:

1. Whether accused is entitled for anticipatory bail as prayed for?
2. What Order?

6. I have heard the arguments of the Sri.TSM advocate for the petitioner and Learned Public Prosecutor for the State. Perused the case file. My findings to the above points are as under:-

Point No.1 – In the affirmative,

Point No.2- As per below, for the following:

REASONS

7. **Point No.1:-** On going through the complaint as rightly submitted by Sri.TSM advocate, though the alleged incident was occurred on 24.02.2026 at 11.45 am, 4 days thereafter i.e. on 28.02.2026 she has filed complaint with an excuse that she discussed with her family members and thereafter she is lodging the complaint. Looking to the said delay it is not possible to hold that the contents of the complaint are true and correct at this stage. Moreover

investigation is still in progress and in order to ascertain the correctness of the allegations levelled in the complaint one has to wait for the conclusion of the investigation.

8. Even otherwise as borne from the complaint, the offences alleged are not exclusively punishable with death or life imprisonment and the very complaint allegations would show that this accused is a permanent resident of Sahyadri Extension, Chitradurga. Apart from that the filing of counter complaint by the mother of the accused in the Chitradurga Extension PS Cr.No.31/2026 would show that this complainant as well as her brother-in-law and one Kariyappa created nuisance in front of the house of the accused, wherefore his mother has filed complaint in the extension police station. Looking to the said counter complaint, again it is not possible to hold that the allegations made in the complaint are true and correct. So holding that at this stage accused has made out grounds for grant of anticipatory bail as prayed for, I answer this point in affirmative

9. **Point No.2:-** In view of my above findings, I proceed to pass following:

ORDER

Petition filed U/Sec.482 of BNSS in respect of Chitradurga Women Police Station Cr.No.14/2026 registered for the offence punishable U/Ss.115(2), 351(2), 85, 352 of BNS is allowed on his executing personal bond in a sum of Rs.50,000/- with one surety for like sum to the

satisfaction of arresting authority or to the jurisdictional court and subject to following conditions:

1. The accused shall furnish his mobile and WhatsApp number, email ID (if any) and photocopy of Aadhaar card of himself and his surety, along with contact number of his surety, as per Circular at HCC No.48/2012 dated 30.06.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.
2. The accused shall cooperate with the IO in investigation and shall appear before him as and when directed.
3. The accused shall appear before the jurisdictional Court and before the jurisdictional police station within thirty days from the date of this order without extending any lame excuse.
4. The accused shall not tamper prosecution evidence nor threaten the prosecution witnesses.
5. The accused shall not indulge in any unlawful act or crime hereinafter.

(Dictated to the Stenographer Grade-III, transcribed and computerized by her, corrected and signed by me and then pronounced in the open Court on this the 2nd day of April, 2026)

(Ron Vasudev)

Prl. District & Sessions Judge,
Chitradurga.

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