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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.311/2026

Petitioners: (A1 to 3, 5 to 7)	1. Sarojamma W/o Sathisha Aged about 45 years, Agriculturist, 2. Sathisha R. S/o Sannarudrappa, Aged about 50 years, Housewife, 3. Rakhesha S/o Sathisha R. Aged about 19 years, 4. Sreedhara S/o Rajappa R. Aged about 30 yearsm 5. Rajamma W/o Rajappa R. Aged about 52 years, 6. Thippeshi @ Thippeswamy R. S/o Late Sannarudrappa, Aged about 53 years, All are agriculturists and R/o erajjanahatti village, Chitradurga Kasaba Hobli.
	(By Sri.K.N.Vishwanathaiah, Advocate)

/versus/

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

Accused No.1 to 3, 5 to 7 in Chitradurga Rural police station Cr.No.104/2026 have filed this petition under Section 482 of BNSS seeking bail in respect of the offences punishable under Section 118(1), 74, 54, 352 R/w Sec.190 of BNS. It is contested by learned Public Prosecutor by filing is written objections.

2. I have heard the arguments of Sri.ARM advocate for the accused and Learned Public Prosecutor for the State. Perused the file. Now the following points would arise for my consideration.

1. *Whether accused No.1 to 3 and 5 to 7 have shown that they are entitled for anticipatory bail as prayed for?*

2. *What Order?*

3. On going through the case file and submission of both side, my findings on the above points are as under :

Point No.1 – In the affirmative,

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

REASONS

4. **Point No.1:-** The complaint filed by one Smt. C.Manjula W/o Basavaraja, R/o Erajjanahatti, would show that on 16.03.2026 at about 10.30 pm she was taking

supper with her son Ganesh and daughter-in-law Kavya. At that time all of a sudden rain started, so in order to protect the firewood she had spread outside the hut getting soaked in the rain water, she came out and tried to cover the firewood with the help of a plastic tarpaulin. At that time these accused No.1 to 6 came there and abusing her in vulgar language, they started manhandling her. Immediately on hearing that quarrel, Ganesh and Kavya also came out and they tried to save Manjula. It is alleged that these accused being members of unlawful assembly in prosecution of common object of such assembly, armed with lati and iron rod, they bet Manjula, Ganesha and Kavya and injured them. It is further alleged that there is a civil dispute between the parties in respect of the sital land and because of that reason these accused are in the habit of raking up quarrel with Manjula and her family members frequently. It is further stated that the accused No.1 to 6 did all these illegal things at the behest and instigation of accused No.7, wherefore when complaint was came to be filed by Manjula in the rural police station, the said police registered the case and they are investigating in it.

5. In the petition accused submit that the **accused No.4** is a **minor** and unnecessarily this complaint has been filed against them all in order to harass them; that as could be seen from the complaint allegation itself there is a civil dispute between themselves and the family of Manjula; that already the Civil Court is dealing with the same at OS No.88/2026 and it is pending on the file of Principal Civil Judge & JMFC, Chitradurga, wherefore

Manjula is in the habit of filing this kind false complaints; that they have not committed any offence as alleged against them; that they are permanent residents of the address shown in the cause title owning movable and immovable properties and on the basis of such false complaint the concerned police are trying to arrest and detain them in custody and further that offences alleged are not exclusively punishable with death or life imprisonment and they are prepared to furnish surety for their due appearance, they pray to enlarge them on bail.

6. On the other hand the prosecution contends that since these accused have taken law in their hands and they bet and injured the victims and also threatened them with dire consequences, it is not proper to admit them to bail and in the event if they are let on bail they may once again create such ugly scene in the village and thereby create a law and order problem; that offences alleged are non-bailable and these accused being influential they may win over its witnesses and tamper its evidence and investigation is in progress, it prays to reject their petition.

7. On going through the rival submissions as rightly pointed out by the accused, I too find that in the complaint itself Manjula has stated that there is a civil dispute between their family and the family of the accused with respect to the land and perhaps that might have prompted her to file this complaint. At the same time still prosecution has to travel long in proving the contents of the complaint. Along with the objection statement prosecution

has not placed any material to show the present condition of Manjula and her family members. On the contrary along with their petition these petitioners have produced provisional medical report showing that the alleged victims did not suffer any considerable injury.

8. Admittedly the offences alleged are not exclusively punishable by death or life imprisonment and involvement of these accused in any other crime is not shown. The fact that both families are fighting in respect of an immovable property through a civil dispute would show that there is a long animosity between them and filing of frivolous complaint cannot be ruled out. Moreover when the accused undertake to obey the conditions to be imposed herein and also to furnish surety for their due appearance and undertake to obey the conditions to be imposed herein, it is just and necessary to admit them to bail, subject to conditions, so that while protecting the liberty of these accused, the court can also take note of the interest of the prosecution. With this I answered point No.1 in the affirmative.

9. **Point No.2:-** In result, I proceed to make the following:

ORDER

Bail application filed by accused No.1 to 3 and 5 to 7 in respect of Chitradurga Rural Police Station Cr.No.104/2026 registered for the offences punishable U/Ss.118(1), 74, 54, 352 R/w Sec.190 of BNS is allowed on their executing personal bond in a sum of Rs.50,000/- each

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 No.1 to 3, 5 to 7 shall furnish their mobile and WhatsApp numbers, email IDs (if any) and photocopies of Aadhar cards of themselves and their surety, along with contact number of their surety, as per Circular at HCC No.48/2012 dated 30.06.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka.
2. They shall cooperate with the IO in the investigation and shall appear before him as and when directed.
3. They 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. They shall not tamper prosecution evidence nor threaten the prosecution witnesses.
5. They shall not indulge in any unlawful act or crime hereinafter.

(Dictated directly on AI software, transmitted to the Stenographer Grade-III, 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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