

**ORDER ON APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 19
R/W 65 of PMLA, 2002 AND R/W SECTION 76
OF CR.P.C/SEC. 187(1) OF BHARTIYA
NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA 2023**

The counsel for applicant/represented by Assistant Director, Bengaluru Zonal Office, has filed application seeking to grant 14 days custody/remand of Ravi Yallappa Kurbett/accused No.23 to Directorate of Enforcement 3rd Floor, B Block BMTC Shantinagar, Bangalore.

In the application it is stated that complaint was made by Smt. Mamatha Hosagoudar, Gazetted Officer at KIADB Office, Dharwad Hubballi, Karnataka stating that Vasantkumar Durgappa Sajjan, Retired Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB office with a dishonest intention of earning wrongful profit and causing wrongful loss to the Government exchequer, entered into criminal conspiracy with other accused persons and for their common object, accused persons, sanctioned a total amount of Rs.19,99,55,000/- as compensation to accused persons in the year 2021-22, to whom government had already issued compensation for acquisition of their lands in the year 2011-12. That the said officials of KIADB Office, Dharwad Hubballi City, Karnataka misused their posts and powers vested to them and through criminal breach of trust, accused persons earned illegal profit and caused illegal loss to the Government exchequer to the tune of Rs.19,99,55,000/-. There are strong evidence that even after rejection of anticipatory bail petition, accused has made some attempt to tamper the Aadhar card Etc., Further, material collected during the investigation so far clearly makes out a strong case for examination of Ravi Yallappa Kurbett. That the investigation papers are not mentioned in this application as the investigation is still going on and accused is yet to be confronted with the same. Further that considering the same and the role of accused in the offence of money laundering as brought out above, it is prayed that 14 days custody of Ravi Yallappa Kurbett to the Directorate in the interest of justice.

Perused records.

As noted, this accused was arrested at 17.58 hrs on 08.07.2025 at Bengaluru ED office, Shantinagar and was produced before CCH-1, Bengaluru at 10.00 PM and his arrest was informed to his wife. Further the concerned court has observed that there was sufficient time to take arrestee to the concerned court at Mangaluru and has rejected the prayer for transit remand and directed to produce before the Jurisdictional Court.

The accused No.23 was produced by the Director of ED along with AEO Sumanth Kumar along with the application, arrest memo, ECIR report, grounds of arrest, reason to believe, arrest order, arrest memo, intimation of arrest, personal search memo and OPD card of District Wenlock hospital. Accused submits no ill-treatment.

Further noted, CrI, Misc.No.305/2025 filed by the present accused seeking for pre-arrest bail was dismissed on 12.06.2025 as prosecution papers reflected prima facie material against this accused for the alleged offences. Hence, considering the gravity and seriousness of the alleged offences which is to the tune of crores of money, sanctioned for relief funds, the following order is passed:

ORDER

The application filed by the learned Special Public Prosecutor under Section 19 R/W 65 of PMLA, 2002 AND R/W Section 76 OF CR.P.C/SEC. 187(1) OF BHARTIYA

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NAGARIK SURAKSHA SANHITA 2023 is
hereby **Allowed-in-part.**

Accused No.23 is given to the custody of
E.D for the purpose of investigation for **7 days**
and shall be produced from custody of E.D on
15-07-2025 before this court before conclusion
of court time.

The E.D officials are directed to provide
necessary and urgent health care to accused
No.23 if required.

For production of accused No.23 from
custody of E.D.

Call on 15.07.2025.

**III Addl. District & Sessions/Special Judge
D.K., Mangaluru.**

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