



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU**

**DATED THIS THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

**BEFORE**

**THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 342 OF 2026 (438(Cr.PC) /**

**482(BNSS))**

**BETWEEN:**

1. SRI. RAJAKUMAR @  
M. RAJKUMAR NAGASAMUDRA  
S/O MADHAYYA  
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS  
R/AT SINGATAGERE KADUR (TQ)  
SOMANAHALLI  
CHIKKAMAGALURU  
PIN -577138
2. SRI KARTHIK D R  
S/O REVANNARADHYA  
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS  
R/AT DODDAGUNI VILLAGE  
GUBBI TQ  
TUMAKURU -572211



...PETITIONERS  
(BY SRI. HARISH KUMAR M C, ADVOCATE FOR  
SRI YASHAVANTHSWAMY A M.,ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
STATE BY RAJAJINAGAR POLICE STATION  
BANGALORE  
REP BY S P P OFFICE  
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA  
BANGALORE-560001



2. SMT REKHA R  
W/O MANI  
AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS  
R/AT NO. 108, 18<sup>TH</sup> MAIN J C NAGARA  
KURUBARAHALLI  
BANGALORE-560086

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT.WAHEEDA M M, HCGP FOR R1,  
R2 DELETED AS PER COURT ORDER DATED 14.1.2026)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 438 CR.P.C (U/S 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THIS PETITION TO ENLARGE HIM ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CR.NO.254/2025 OF RAJAJINAGAR P.S., FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 69, 74, 115(2), 126(2), 351(2), 352 READ WITH SECTION 3(5) OF BNS, 2023, PENDING ON THE FILE OF THE 32<sup>nd</sup> ADDITIONAL CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE, AT BENGALURU.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR

**ORAL ORDER**

This petition is filed by accused Nos.2 and 3 under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to grant anticipatory bail in Crime No.154/2025 of Rajajinagar Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 69, 74, 115(2), 126(2), 351(2),



352 read with Section 3(5) of Bharatiya Nayay Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for petitioners and learned the High Court Government Pleader for respondent No.1/State.

3. The learned counsel for petitioners would contend that the petitioners/accused No.2 and 3 are the clients of accused No.1, who is a practicing advocate. The main allegation by the victim lady is against accused No.1, promising to marry her and had physical relations with her. The offences alleged against the petitioners are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life. As the charge sheet is filed, the petitioners are not required for custodial interrogation. The petitioners are ready to abide by any terms and conditions to be imposed by this Court. The statement of victim lady has already been recorded under Section 183 of BNSS. The petitioners were earlier granted interim bail by the Sessions Court, and



subsequently, the main petition came to be rejected. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioners. With this, he prayed to allow the petition.

4. Per contra, the learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent No.1/State would contend that on perusal of the statement of the victim lady recorded under Section 183 of BNSS, there is serious allegation against the petitioners assaulting the victim lady, outraging her modesty, pressing her private part etc. The charge sheet materials show a prima facie case against the petitioners for the offences alleged against them. With this, she prayed to reject the petition.

5. Having heard the learned counsel, the Court has perused the charge sheet and other materials placed on record.

6. As per the charge sheet, the allegation against the petitioners/accused Nos.2 and 3 is that, at the instance of accused No.1 on 16.11.2025 at about 03.30



p.m., they went to the house of accused No.1, questioned the victim lady, asked her to go out, and threatened and abused her, touched her body and thereby outraged her modesty.

7. The investigation is over and as the charge sheet is filed, the petitioners are not required for further custodial interrogation. The offences alleged against the petitioners are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life. The petitioners have undertaken to appear before the Trial Court and abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioners.

8. Considering the above aspect, the petitioners have made out a case for grant of anticipatory bail with conditions.

In the result, the following:

**ORDER**

- i) The petition is allowed.



ii) The petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.154/2025 of Rajajinagar Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 69, 74, 115(2), 126(2), 351(2), 352 read with Section 3(5) of Bharatiya Nayay Sanhita, 2023 subject to following conditions.

a) The petitioners shall voluntarily appear before the jurisdictional Court and execute bail bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court.

b) The petitioners shall not tamper the prosecution witnesses either directly or indirectly.

c) The petitioners shall attend the Trial Court on all dates hearing unless exempted and cooperate for speedy disposal of the case.

**Sd/-**  
**(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR)**  
**JUDGE**

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