



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S RACHAIAH

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 373 OF 2026

(438(Cr.PC) / 482(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

SMT. MUNIRATHNAMMA,

S/O RAMAPPA,

AGED ABOUT 55 YEARS,

R/AT NO 701/5, APPAYYANNA 1ST CROSS,

A.K.COLONY, KONAKUNTE,

BENGALURU-560 062.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VENKATAPPA L.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

STATE OF KARNATAKA



BY KONANAKUNTE POLICE

BANGALORE

REPRESENTED BY SPP,

HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI.HARISH GANAPATHY., HCGP)

THIS CRL.P FILED U/S 438 CR.PC (FILED U/S 482 BNSS)
PRAYING TO GRANT HIM AN ORDER OF ANTICIPATORY BAIL
DIRECTING THE INVESTIGATION OFFICER OF KONANAKUNTE
POLICE STATION TO RELEASE HER ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF
HER ARREST IN CRIME NO.186/2017 PENDING ON THE FILE OF
THE HON'BLE COURT OF 2ND ADDL.CMM COURT,
NRUPATHUNGA ROAD, BANGALORE CITY FOR OFFENCES P/U/S
418, 120(b), 384, 420, 506 R/W 34 OF IPC 1860 ON SUCH
TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THIS HON'BLE COURT DEEMS FIT
TO GRANT IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

THIS CRL.P, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY,
ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S RACHAIAH



ORAL ORDER

The petitioner/accused No.12 is before this Court seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.186/2017 of respondent-police for the offence under Sections 418, 120(B), 384, 420, 506 r/w Section 34 of India Penal Code, 1860.

Brief facts of the case:

2. The case of the prosecution is that the complainant is a NRI and also a resident of Jayanagara 4th 'T' Block, Bengaluru – 560 041. One Srinivasulu had approached him and informed him that he had formed a layout and offered him to purchase two sites as he was in acute financial crisis. According to the complainant, he had purchased six sites measuring 7,200 sq.ft. The said sites have been duly registered.

3. After lapse of 02 years, the complainant visited India, wanted to see the status of his properties and visited the spot. To his surprise, buildings were constructed in his plots. Further, he learnt that original land owner had sold the property to some other persons. The complainant has been cheated by the petitioner and others. Hence, he lodged a



complaint. The respondent-Police have registered a case. The investigation is in progress.

4. Heard Sri.Venkatappa L., learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri.Harisha Ganapathy, learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent-State.

5. The submission of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that, the petitioner is arrayed as accused No.12 in the charge sheet. It is alleged against the petitioner that the petitioner and others in furtherance of common intention have sold the property of the complainant in order to deceive him. However, the overt act of the petitioner has not been described properly in the charge sheet. The petitioner is having apprehension of his arrest, she is a woman, aged about 55 years and resident of AK Colony, Konakunte, Bengaluru. She will abide by the conditions to be imposed in the event of her release on bail. Therefore, she may be enlarged on bail by imposing suitable conditions. Making such submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner prays to allow the petition.



6. *Per contra*, learned High Court Government Pleader has vehemently submitted that the petitioner and others in order to deceive the complainant has sold the property which belongs to him. The intention to deceive has been proved by way of filing the charge sheet. At this stage, it is not appropriate to grant anticipatory bail. Making such submissions, learned HCGP prays to reject the petition.

7. Heard the learned counsel for the respective parties and perused the averments of the complaint. It appears that the complainant has been cheated by accused No.1. However, there are omnibus allegations made in charge sheet against the petitioner. On going through the said averments of the charge sheet, it is appropriate to grant him bail by imposing suitable conditions.

8. Hence, I proceed to pass the following:

ORDER

(i) The petition is ***allowed***.

(ii) The petitioner is ordered to be enlarged on bail in the event of her arrest in Crime No.186/2017 of respondent-police for the



offence under Sections 418, 120(B), 384, 420, 506 r/w Section 34 of India Penal Code, 1860, on executing personal bond in a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with one surety for the likesum to the satisfaction of the Investigating officer.

(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional police within a period of one month from the date of receipt of this order to execute personal bond and also to furnish surety.

(iv) The petitioner shall co-operate with investigation till filing of the charge sheet.

(v) The petitioner shall not threaten or tamper with the prosecution witnesses nor hamper the proceedings of the Court.

(vi) The petitioner shall appear before the Trial Court on all hearing dates without fail.

(vii) The petitioner shall not commit any criminal cases till disposal of the case.



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In case, the petitioner violates any of the bail conditions as stated above, liberty is reserved to the prosecution to file necessary application for cancellation of bail.

Sd/-
(S RACHAIAH)
JUDGE

NR/-
List No.: 1 SI No.: 23