



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 768 OF 2026 (438(Cr.PC) /
482(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. RAVIKUMAR M D
AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS
SON OF DWARAKANATH
CURRENTLY RESIDING AT
No. 796, FIRST FLOOR, 36TH A CROSS
18TH MAIN, JAYANAGAR, 4TH T BLOCK
BENGALURU – 560 041.
2. ABHISHEK EMMANUEL T.,
SON OF KISHORE BABU TADIKONDA
AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS
CURRENTLY RESIDING AT FLAT
No. F-1401
MANTRI TRANQUIL APARTMENT
KANAKAPURA ROAD, GUBBALALA
BENGALURU – 560 061.



...PETITIONERS

(BY SRI. ASHWIN RADHAKRISHNAN, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY BAGALAGUNTE POLICE STATION
BENGALURU
REPRESENTED BY



STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BENGALURU – 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI M R PATIL, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 438 Cr.P.C (FILED UNDER SECTION 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON ANTICIPATORY BAIL UNDER SECTION 482 OF THE BNS 2023 IN THE EVENT OF THEIR ARREST IN FIR IN CRIME No.466/2025 FOR THE OFFENCE PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 316(1),318,351(3),351(1),351(2),318(4) OF BNS 2023 REGISTERED BY THE BAGALAGUNTE POLICE STATION.

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.1 and 2 under Section 482 of BNSS praying to grant anticipatory bail in Crime No.466/2025 of Bagalagunte Police Station, registered for offences under Sections 316(1), 318, 351(3), 351(1), 351(2) and 318(4) of BNS, 2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and learned HCGP for respondent/State.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioners would contend that there was MOU between petitioners and the complainant dated 20.08.2020 under which the complainant has invested Rs.1 Crore in the company of the petitioners. It is alleged that the said amount is not paid and cheque has been issued. The said cheque has been dishonoured and case under Section 138 of the N.I.Act has been filed against the petitioners and it is pending consideration. After lapse of 2 years of dishonour of cheque, the petitioners with similar allegations has filed PCR No.14131/2024. The amount paid by the complainant to the petitioners is subjudice in the cheque dishonour case. The petitioners are ready to co-operate with the IO in the investigation and abide by any terms and conditions to be imposed by this Court. The offences alleged against the petitioners are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioners. With this he prayed to allow the petition.



4. *Per contra*, learned HCGP would contend that under MOU the petitioners have received Rs.1 Crore from the complainant agreeing to repay the same. The petitioners have issued a cheque for repaying the said amount and the said cheque came to be dishonored. The petitioners have cheated the complainant. The petitioners are required for custodial interrogation. With this, he prayed to reject the petition.

5. Having heard the learned counsels, the Court has perused the complaint and other materials placed on record.

6. The complainant has filed a PCR No.14131/2024 against the petitioners. The said complaint came to be referred to police for investigation. The police registered Crime No.466/2025 based on the said private complaint in Bagalgunte Police Station for the aforesaid offences. The averments of the said complaint indicate that the complainant has invested Rs.1 Crore in the company of the petitioners under MOU dated 02.08.2020. It is alleged



that the petitioners have not repaid the said amount and cheated the complainant. The complainant had already filed proceedings for offence under Section 138 of the N.I.Act, as the cheque issued by the petitioners has been dishonoured and it is stated to be pending at final stage. Considering the averments of the present complaint, at this stage, it can be said that the dispute between petitioners and the complainant is of civil nature. The petitioners have undertaken to co-operate with the police in the investigation and abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioners. The offences alleged against the petitioners are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life.

7. Considering the above aspects, the petitioners have made out case for grant of anticipatory bail with conditions. In the result, the following:



ORDER

The petition is allowed. The petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, in the event of their arrest, in Crime No.466/2025 of Bagalagunte Police Station, subject to following conditions:

- (i) Petitioners shall voluntarily appear before the Investigating Officer within 15 days from this day and execute a bail bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- each, with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of the IO.
- (ii) Petitioners shall appear before the IO whenever called for and co-operate for investigation.
- (iii) Petitioners shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the evidence.



- (iv) Petitioners shall appear before the IO on 1st and 03rd Sunday of every Month for a period of one month between 10.00 a.m. and 02.00 p.m. or till filing of final report, whichever is earlier.

Sd/-
(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR)
JUDGE

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