



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR

CRIMINAL PETITION NO. 765 OF 2026
[(439(Cr.PC) / 483(BNSS))]

BETWEEN:

SRI ANANDAMURTHY C.
S/O K. MALLAPPA,
AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS,
R/AT CHINNAMBALLI VILLAGE,
BILIGEREHOBLI, NANJANGUD TALUK,
MYSURU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. KASHINATH J.D., ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY KOWLANDE POLICE STATION,
MYSURU DISTRICT,
REP. 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 439 CR.P.C
(UNDER SECTION 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE ABOVE
PETITION AND ENLARGE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL
IN CRIME NO.124/2025 REGISTERED BY THE RESPONDENT





KOWLANDE POLICE, FOR THE OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 85, 80, 3(5) OF BNS, 2023 AND UNDER SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF DOWRY PROHIBITION ACT, 1961, REGISTERED ON THE COMPLAINT DATED 11.09.2025, PENDING ON THE FILE OF ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE (SR.DN.) AND CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE COURT, NANJANGUD, MYSORE DISTRICT.

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 No.1 under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagrika Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying to grant bail in Crime No.124/2025 of Kowlande Police Station registered for offences punishable under Sections 85, 80 and 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and under Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent - State.



3. Learned counsel for petitioner would contend that, the marriage of the petitioner and the deceased had taken place on 01.07.2021 and after marriage, they led a happy married life. A child has been born and it was underweight. Due to that, the deceased had suffered anxiety disorder and she was taking medicine. The deceased on 31.08.2025 filed a complaint against the petitioner and others and it is registered in NCR No.484/2025. At that time there was a joint statement recorded of this petitioner and his father. In the said complaint, there is no any allegation against the petitioner and his family members demanding dowry and harassing her. The said harassment is with regard to small issues. The deceased has not left any death note. As the charge sheet is filed, the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation. There are no criminal antecedents of this petitioner. With these, he prayed to allow the petition.

4. Per contra, learned High Court Government Pleader for respondent would contend that, the deceased



earlier filed complaint on 31.08.2025. In which she has stated that the petitioner and his family members were quarreling and harassing her. In the said complaint, the petitioner and his father have given joint statement stating that they will look after the deceased well. The said statement is given on 07.09.2025. The deceased committed suicide on 11.09.2025. The death of the deceased is within seven years of marriage. The charge sheet materials show *prima-facie* case against the petitioner for offences alleged against him. With these, he prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for parties, the Court has perused the charge sheet and other materials placed on record.

6. The marriage of the petitioner with the deceased has taken place on 01.07.2021. After marriage, the petitioner and his family members have looked after well the deceased. The deceased begot a male child. It is



alleged in the charge sheet that the deceased tied tayata to the child and there was a galata in that regard between the deceased and the family members of the petitioner. In the spot mahazar, some medicine strips were found in the purse of the deceased. Learned counsel for petitioner submitted that, the deceased was having anxiety disorder as the child is underweight and she was taking medicine and, therefore the deceased might have committed suicide due to depression. As the charge sheet is filed, the petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation. The petitioner has undertaken to appear before the trial Court on all dates of hearing and abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. The offences alleged against the petitioner are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life.

7. Considering all the above aspects, the petitioner has made out a case for grant of bail with conditions. In the result, the following;



ORDER

The Criminal Petition is ***allowed***. The petitioner is granted bail in Crime No.124/2025 of Kowlande Police Station, subject to following conditions:

- i) The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with one surety for the like-sum to the satisfaction of the trial Court.*
- ii) The petitioner shall not tamper the prosecution witnesses either directly or indirectly.*
- iii) The petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on all dates of hearing unless exempted by the Court and cooperate for speedy disposal of the case.*

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