



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. 1486 OF 2026 (439(Cr.PC) /
483(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. SRI RENUKAPRASAD
S/O LATE SOMASHEKAR
AGED ABOUT 45 YEARS
RESIDING AT KAMBALU VILLAGE
SOMPURA HOBLI, NELAMANGALA TALUK
BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT-562 111.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI KASHINATH J D, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY WOMEN POLICE STATION
TUMAKURU, TUMAKURU DISTRICT.
REPRESENTED BY SPP
HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA
BANGALORE-560 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI M R PATIL, HCGP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 439 Cr.PC (FILED U/S 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ALLOW THE ABOVE PETITION AND RELEASE THE PETITIONER ON REGULAR BAIL IN CRIME No.172/2025 REGISTERED BY THE RESPONDENT WOMEN'S POLICE STATION TUMAKURU AND SUBSEQUENT FILING OF CHARGE SHEET IN CC No.268/2025.





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

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR

ORAL ORDER

1. This petition is filed by accused No. 1 under Section 483 of BNSS praying to grant bail in Crime No. 172/2025 of Tumakuru Woman Police Station registered for offence punishable under Sections 137(2), 64(2)(m), 351(2), 75(1)(i), 75(1)(ii), 75(1)(iv), 3(5) of BNS and Section 67(A) and 66(E) of Information Technology Act, 2000.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned HCGP for respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner would contend that petitioner had extra-marital affair with the victim lady. Victim lady and the petitioner are aged about 40 years. There was a breakdown of the said extra-marital affairs. Husband of the victim lady is an elected member of the Panchayat and accused No. 2 is also an elected member of the Panchayat. There was rivalry between



accused No.1 and husband of victim lady. Petitioner – accused No. 1 had supported accused No.2 in the election. Therefore, a false complaint has been lodged against the petitioner. Victim lady has filed the complaint on 30.08.2025 about the incident dated 23.08.2024 and there is a delay in filing the complaint. Victim lady has improved her version in her statements dated 02.09.2025, 15.09.2025 and 06.10.2025. Victim lady is not consistent in her statements and she has made improvements in order to falsely implicate the accused persons. Petitioner is in judicial custody since 31.08.2025 and as chargesheet is filed, petitioner is not required for custodial interrogation. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioner. The offences alleged against the petitioner are not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life. With this he prayed to allow the petition.

4. Per contra, learned HCGP would contend that the statement of the victim lady has been recorded under Section 183 of BNSS wherein she has specifically stated



the acts of the petitioner taking her, telling false things about her husband, taking her to the lodge and having sexual intercourse on her by threatening her that he will share her nude and naked photographs. C.W.4 is cashier of the lodge. C.W.3 has sated about receiving the video of victim lady. Chargesheet material show prima facie case against the petitioner for the offence alleged against him. With this he prayed to reject the petition.

5. Having heard learned counsel for the parties, this Court has perused the chargesheet and other materials placed on record.

6. As per averments of the complaint the alleged incident has taken place during August, 2024 to December, 2024. Complaint has been filed on 30.08.2025. In the complaint filed on 30.08.2025 victim lady has not stated further dates, time and place of the alleged incidents which she has subsequently stated in her further statements recorded on 02.09.2025 and 15.09.2025 and also in the statement recorded under Section 183 of BNSS



dated 29.09.2025. Bail petition of the petitioner was pending as on 15.09.2025, the date on which further statement of the victim lady was recorded. Whether the petitioner has committed the offence alleged is a matter of trial. Petitioner is in judicial custody since 31.08.2025 and as chargesheet is filed he is not required for further custodial interrogation. Petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents.

7. Considering the above aspects, petitioner has made out case for grant of bail with conditions.

In the result, the following;

ORDER

Petition is allowed. Petitioner is granted bail in Crime No. 172/2025 of Tumakuru Woman Police Station, subject to following conditions:

- I. Petitioner shall execute bail bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety for the likesum to the satisfaction of jurisdictional Court.



II. Petitioner shall not tamper the prosecution witnesses either directly or indirectly.

III. Petitioner shall attend the trial Court on all dates hearing unless exempted and co-operate for speedy disposal of the case.

Sd/-
(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR)
JUDGE

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