



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

**DATED THIS THE 24<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026**

**BEFORE**

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

**CRIMINAL PETITION No. 11720 OF 2025 (439(Cr.PC) /**  
**483(BNSS))**

**BETWEEN:**

1. SRI SACHIN T S  
AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS  
S/O SATHEESHAN  
R/AT THOTATHILVEED ARINALLURU  
PERUGALAM POST MUNDROTHRUUTH  
KOLLAM KERALA – 420 021.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI LETHIF B, ADVOCATE FOR  
SRI HAREESH BHANDARY T, ADVOCATE)

**AND:**

1. STATE OF KARNATAKA  
VITLA POLICE STATION  
REPRESENTED BY STATE  
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT BUILDINGS  
BENGALURU – 5600 001.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI MOHD. AYUB ALI, ADDL. SPP)

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 439 Cr.PC (FILED  
UNDER SECTION 483 BNSS) PRAYING TO ENLARGE THE  
PETITIONERS ON BAIL IN C.C.No.822/2025 (CR.No.2/2025) ON  
THE FILE OF THE ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC BANTWAL,  
D.K., REGISTERED BY THE VITLA POLICE STATION FOR THE





OFFENCES PUNISHABLE UNDER SECTIONS 62, 310(2), 351(2)  
OF BNS 2023.

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.6 under Section 483 of BNSS praying to grant bail in Crime No.2/2025 of Vitla Police Station, registered for the offences punishable under Section 62, 310(2), 351(2) of BNS.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Addl.SPP for respondent/State.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner would contend that accused Nos.1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9 have been granted bail. Accused No.3 who has been granted bail by this Court is similarly placed to that of the present petitioner and therefore, he is entitled for grant of bail on the ground of parity. The complaint has been filed against unknown persons. The petitioner is stated to have purchased a



mobile for Rs.95,000/- out of his share of robbed amount of Rs.2,00,000/-. Except the seizure of the said mobile purchased by the petitioner there are no other materials against him. The petitioner is in judicial custody since last one year and as the charge sheet is filed, he is not required for further custodial interrogation. With this he prayed to allow the petition.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional SPP would contend that accused Nos.2, 10, 11 to 13 are absconding. The total robbed amount is Rs.48,90,000/- and out of that only Rs.5,00,000/- has been recovered. The remaining amount has to be recovered by arresting the other accused who are absconding. If the petitioner is granted bail, he may create hurdle in securing the accused persons who are absconding. The IO has sought permission for further investigation with regard to the accused persons who are absconding. The petitioner has purchased mobile worth Rs.95,000/- out of his share of robbed amount of Rs.2,00,000/-. The charge sheet 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 the learned counsel, the Court has perused the charge sheet and other material placed on record.

6. This Court, while allowing the bail petition of accused No.3 in the order dated 06.01.2026 passed in Crl.P.No.14317/2025 has observed under:

*6. FIR in the present case was registered against six unknown persons who had arrived in an Ertiga car on 03.01.2025 and had entered the house of the first informant introducing themselves as officers of Enforcement Directorate and had committed the alleged crime. As per the charge sheet allegations, accused No.1 had conspired with accused Nos.4, 5, 8 to 10 to commit dacoity in the house of some rich person and in furtherance of such conspiracy, accused No.4 had forwarded the photos, sketch, location map etc., of the house of the first informant to accused No.9, who in turn had forwarded the same to accused No.8. Subsequently, accused No.8 allegedly had forwarded information received by him from accused No.9 to accused No.5, who in turn had forwarded the*



*same to accused No.1, who is the alleged master mind in the present crime.*

*7. In the charge sheet, it is alleged that on 03.01.2025, in furtherance of conspiracy, accused Nos.2, 3, 6, 11, 12 and 13, who came in the Ertiga Car bearing Tamil Nadu registration number had entered the house of the first informant and after threatening the inmates had committed the alleged crime and had robbed a sum of Rs.48,90,000/- from the house of the first informant. According to the charge sheet allegations, accused No.3 was given Rs.5 lakhs towards his share, accused No.7 was given Rs.2 lakhs towards his share and remaining amount was shared between other accused. Petitioner and accused No.7 had earlier approached this Court in Crl.P.No.5773/2025 and Crl.P.No.5878/2025 which were rejected by a common order by this Court on 18.06.2025. Subsequently, accused No.7 has been now granted regular bail by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.11202/2025 disposed off on 03.09.2025. Accused Nos.1 and 4 have been granted regular bail by the Co- ordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.8099/2025 and Crl.P.No.11318/2025 on 22.08.2025. Accused No.9 has been granted regular bail by this Court in Crl.P.No.9429/2025 on 16.07.2025. Accused No.5 has been granted regular bail by this Court in Crl.P.No.9738/2025 on*



*22.07.2025. It is brought to the notice of this Court that accused No.8 has been granted regular bail by the jurisdictional Sessions Court. Undisputedly, petitioner aged about 50 years has no other criminal antecedents and he is in custody in the present case from 23.01.2025. The alleged offences are not exclusively punishable with death or life imprisonment. Under the circumstances, I am of the opinion that by imposing appropriate conditions, prayer of the petitioner for grant of regular bail can be granted.*

7. The accusation against accused No.3 who has been granted bail is that he also entered the house of the first informant along with accused Nos.2, 6, 11, 12 and 13 and robbed the cash from the house of first informant. Accused No.3 has been given Rs.5,00,000/- as his share out of the robbed amount. The said Rs.5,00,000/- and car used for the offence has been seized at the instance of accused No.3. The present petitioner/accused No.6 is stated to have been given Rs.2,00,000/- out of the robbed amount as his share and out of which he has purchased



mobile worth Rs.95,000/- and it has been seized at his instance. Considering the said aspect, the petitioner and accused No.3 are similarly placed. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for grant of bail on the ground of parity. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 31.01.2025 and as the charge sheet is filed, he is not required for further custodial interrogation. There are no criminal antecedents of the petitioner.

8. Considering the above aspects, the petitioner has made out case for grant of bail with conditions. In the result, the following:

ORDER

The petition is allowed. The petitioner is granted bail in Crime No.2/2025 of Vitla Police Station, subject to following conditions:

- (i) Petitioner shall execute a bail bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with two sureties for the like sum to the satisfaction of the 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**