



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU
DATED THIS THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR
CRIMINAL PETITION No. 17446 OF 2025 (438(Cr.PC) /
482(BNSS))

BETWEEN:

1. SRI PAWAN KASHYAP
S/O K.S. MANJUNATHA SHARMA
AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS
R/A No.1093, "GANESH KRUPA"
MAHESHWARINAGAR
T DASARAHALLI
BANGALORE - 560 057.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI M B RAVIKUMAR, ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA
BY S.J. PARK POLICE STATION, BENGALURU
REPRESENTED BY STATE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT BUILDING
BENGALURU- 560 001.

...RESPONDENT

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

THIS CRL.P IS FILED UNDER SECTION 438 Cr.PC (FILED UNDER SECTION 482 BNSS) PRAYING TO GRANT ANTICIPATORY BAIL TO THE PETITIONER AND DIRECT THE RESPONDENT POLICE TO RELEASE HIM ON BAIL IN THE EVENT OF HIS ARREST IN CR.No.142/2025 REGISTERED IN S.J PARK P.S. FOR THE OFFENCE WHICH ARE MADE PENAL UNDER SEC.316(4) AND 318(4) OF BNS 2023 AGAINST THE ORDER DATED 15.12.2025 PASSED BY LXII





ADDL.CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU IN
CRL.MISC.No.11036/2025.

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 482 of BNSS praying to grant anticipatory bail in Crime No.142/2025 of S.J.Park Police Station, registered for offences under Section 316(4) and 318(4) of BNS.

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

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that accused No.2 who is similarly placed to that of this petitioner has been granted bail by the Sessions Court. The allegation against the petitioner is that as he was working as Sales Executive in the firm of first informant has collected Rs.17,00,000/- from the customers and he has misappropriated it. Petitioner who has collected the amount



from the customers has used it for registration of the vehicle, payment of insurance, premium etc. The petitioner is ready to co-operate with IO in the investigation and abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. 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 Additional SPP would contend that the matter is under investigation and the petitioner is required for custodial interrogation. Petitioner alleged to have created documents and got registered the buses and he has dealt with the customers directly by-passing the first informant. With this he prayed to reject the petition.

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

6. As per averments of the complaint the petitioner was working as a Sales Executive in the firm of the first



informant. The allegation against the petitioner is that he has collected Rs.17,00,000/- from various customers and misappropriated it. The offence alleged against the petitioner is not punishable either with death or imprisonment for life. The petitioner has undertaken to co-operate with the IO in the investigation and abide by any conditions to be imposed by this Court. The petitioner is not having any criminal antecedents.

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

ORDER

Petition is allowed. The petitioner is ordered to be released on bail, in the event of his arrest, in Crime No.142/2025 of S.J.Park Police Station, subject to following conditions:

- (i) Petitioner shall voluntarily appear before the Investigating Officer within 15 days from this



day and execute bail bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety for the likesum to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer.

- (ii) Petitioner shall appear before the IO whenever called for and co-operate for investigation.
- (iii) Petitioner 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) Petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer on every Sunday between 10.00 a.m. and 02.00 p.m. for a period of one month or till filing of the final report, whichever is earlier.

Sd/-
(SHIVASHANKAR AMARANNAVAR)
JUDGE