



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT DHARWAD
DATED THIS THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026
BEFORE
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR
CRIMINAL PETITION NO.100432 OF 2026
(439 OF Cr.PC/483 OF BNSS)

BETWEEN:

SHRI. NAGAPPA S/O. FAKKIRAPPA DIDAGANNAVAR,
AGE: 35 YEARS, OCC: AGRICULTURE,
R/O. HOSUR VILLAGE, TALUK: SAVADATTI,
DISTRICT: BELAGAVI-591129.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI LAXMAN T. MANTAGANI, ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
BY MURGOD P.S. MURGOD,
TALUK: SAVADATTI, DIST. BELAGAVI,
REPRESENTED BY ADDL. S.P.P.,
HIGH COURT PREMISES, DHARWAD.

...RESPONDENT

(BY SRI ABHISHEK MALIPATIL, HCGP)

THIS CRIMINAL PETITION IS FILED U/S.483 OF BNSS (U/S.439 OF CR.P.C.), PRAYING TO ALLOW THE PETITION AND ENLARGE THE PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.1 HEREIN ON BAIL, FOR THE CASE REGISTERED BY MURGOD PS, SAVADATTI TALUK, BELAGAVI DISTRICT, IN CRIME NO.03/2026 DATED 06.01.2026 FOR THE ALLEGED OFFENCES PUNISHABLE U/S.85, 103(1), 238, 108, R/W. 3(5) OF BNS, IN THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND EQUITY.

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



CORAM: THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR

ORAL ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned HCGP for the respondent-State.

2. This petition is filed by the petitioner/accused No.1 under 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, (Section 439 of Cr.P.C.) seeking regular bail and praying for the following relief:

"WHEREFORE, it is most respectfully prayed that, this Hon'ble Court be pleased to allow the petition and enlarge the petitioner/accused No.1 herein on bail, for the case registered by Murgod PS, Savadatti Taluk, Belagavi District, in Crime No.3/2026 dated 06.012026 for the alleged offence punishable U/S 85, 103(1), 238, 108, r/w 3(4) of BNS, the interest of justice and equity".

3. The brief case of the prosecution is that the deceased was married to Accused No.1/petitioner. On 05.01.2026, the complainant was informed that the



deceased had died. Immediately thereafter, the complainant went to the house of the accused and saw that the deceased was found in a hanging position. However, the complainant suspected that it was not a case of suicide on the reason that the feet of the deceased were touching the ground. Therefore, suspecting that the petitioner/Accused No.1 and the other accused had murdered the deceased and then hanged her, the complainant lodged a complaint, and an FIR was registered against the accused persons for the aforesaid offences.

4. In the present case, the investigation is still ongoing, and the charge sheet has not yet been filed. There is a strong prima facie case against the petitioner that he murdered the deceased and subsequently hanged her, particularly considering that the feet of the deceased were touching the ground. Therefore, as the investigation is going on and the charge sheet has not yet been filed, and considering the gravity of the accusations against the petitioner, if the petitioner is enlarged on bail at this stage,



there is a likelihood of his absconding, threatening prosecution witnesses, or fleeing away from justice. Hence, the petition is liable to be dismissed, and it is hereby ***dismissed.***

5. However, liberty is reserved to the petitioner to file a fresh petition after the filing of the charge sheet.

**Sd/-
(HANCHATE SANJEEVKUMAR)
JUDGE**