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**IN THE COURT OF I ADDITIONAL SPECIAL JUDGE FOR C.B.I.,
CASES, VISAKHAPATNAM**

Present : Smt. P. Vijaya Durga,
I Addl. Special Judge for C.B.I., Cases,
Visakhapatnam.

Wednesday, this the 12th day of August, 2026

Crl.M.P.1314/2026 in C.C. 07/2025
E Courts No.Crl.MP.06/2026

Between :

Veereju Sankara Rao (A22), S/o Veereju Papa Rao, Aged 43 years, Hindu,
Door No.3-56/1, Arinam Akkivalasa, Pattushali peta, Etcherla Mandal,
Srikakulam – 535501, Mobile No.9959005235, Aadhar No.8744 1746 2956.

... Petitioner/Accused No.22

And :

Inspector of Police, CBI, Rep. by its Assistant Public Prosecutor,
Visakhapatnam.

... Respondent/Complainant

This petition came before me on 11.08.2026 for hearing in the presence of Sri Dhanalakoti Ramana, Advocate for Petitioner/ Accused No.22 and Learned Public Prosecutor for Respondent/ Complainant and the matter having stood over for consideration till this day, this Court delivered the following:

ORDER

1. This is a petition filed by the Petitioner / Accused No.22, praying the court to reduce the surety amount of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five thousand only), in the interest of justice.

2. The brief averments in the petition are that, the Hon'ble court directed the petitioner/ Accused No.22 to execute a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- with one surety. It is further stated that the petitioner is working

as Carpenter (daily labour). He belongs to a below poverty line income and he works on daily wage and he is the sole bread winner of his family consisting of mother, father, wife and children who are dependents and his total monthly income is less than Rs.10,000/-. Due to his financial status, he could not furnish the surety amount. Despite making exhaustive and bonafide efforts, the petitioner and his relatives unable to arrange surety amount. Hence, he prays the Court to reduce the surety amount.

3. As against the above, the Respondent/ C.B.I filed a counter opposing the petition pleaded that petitioner/accused is of serious nature, involving offences under Sections 120-B, 420, 465, 468, 471 IPC. After thoroughly evaluating the gravity of the offence and the socio economic conditions, rightly exercised its judicial discretion and directed the accused to execute a personal bond of Rs.25,000/- with one surety. The surety bond of Rs.25,000/- is neither excessive nor arbitrary. In the present case, considering the nature of the crime, the amount of Rs.25,000/- is reasonable and serves as necessary financial deterrent against absconding. If the surety amount is reduced as prayed for by the petitioner, the surety will lose financial accountability over the Accused. There is a strong apprehension that he will abscond from justice, thereby indefinitely delaying the trial. The petitioner failed to produce any documentary proof such as income certificate or asset valuation to substantiate his claim of financial capacity. A sweeping statement of financial hardship cannot be a ground to compromise the presence of accused in a serious criminal trial. Therefore, prayed to dismiss the petition.

4. Heard.

5. Now the point for consideration is :

Whether there are valid grounds to relax condition with regard to reducing the surety amount as prayed for?

Point:

6. Perused the material available on record. Admittedly this Court convicted the petitioner/ Accused No.22 and released on bail on a condition that the accused shall execute a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- with one surety, but the petitioner is unable to secure the surety amount of Rs.25,000/- due to his financial status. It is plea of the C.B.I that considering the nature of the crime, the amount of Rs.25,000/- is reasonable and serves as necessary financial deterrent against absconding. If the surety amount is reduced as prayed for by the petitioner, the surety will lose financial accountability over the Accused. There is a strong apprehension that he will abscond from justice, thereby indefinitely delaying the trial. The petitioner failed to produce any documentary proof such as income certificate or asset valuation to substantiate his claim of financial capacity. Considering the financial status of accused and also apprehension of the C.B.I, this Court is inclined to impose suitable condition while reducing the surety amount. Accordingly, this Court has reduced the surety amount to Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with a condition to produce local surety to secure proper appearance of the petitioner in future. Accordingly, the point is answered.

7. In the result, the petition is allowed, directing the petitioner/Accused No.22 to execute a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with one surety. The petitioner shall produce local surety.

Typed to my dictation by the Stenographer, corrected and pronounced by me in the open Court, on this the 12th day of August, 2026.

Sd/- Smt.P.Vijaya Durga
I ADDL. SPECIAL JUDGE FOR CBI CASES,
VISAKHAPATNAM.