

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

MAIN CASE No: W.P.No.5725 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

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01.	24.02.2026	<u>EVV,J</u> <u>W.P.No.5725 of 2026</u> Notice Before Admission. Sri M.Srinivas, learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home takes notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 and also seeks time to obtain instructions/file counter, if necessary. Issue notice, including personal notice to respondent No.5. The proof of service to be filed by the next date of hearing. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that, though the petitioner has been arrayed as accused in a single crime i.e., Crime No.633 of 2019, contrary to Standing Order No.602(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Police Manual, the respondents, on the pretext of conducting an enquiry, have opened a rowdy sheet against him by virtue of proceedings No.125/OW/ACP-GP/2020, dated 18.02.2020. It is contended that such action is illegal and without authority of law. It is further submitted that official respondents are harassing the petitioner by repeatedly summoning him to the police station under the guise of enquiry relating to the rowdy sheet, even though the case against the petitioner do not satisfy the criteria for opening a rowdy sheet. <i>Prima facie</i>, it appears that merely	<i>Transferred to IO folder before making corrections</i>

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		being arrayed as an accused in a single crime would not justify the opening of a rowdy sheet. In this context, reliance is placed on the judgment passed by this Court in the matter of <i>Mansoor Shah Khan vs. State of Telangana</i>¹, wherein it was held that unless a person is involved in two or more crimes, a rowdy sheet cannot ordinarily be opened against such person. This matter requires detailed examination and the facts can be ascertained only upon filing written instructions/counter by the official respondents. List on 31.03.2026 In the meantime, this Court deems it appropriate to direct respondent No.4 not to call the petitioner to the police station or exert any pressure upon him on the pretext of enquiry in relation to the rowdy sheet, except in accordance with due process of law. _____ EVV,J VSU	

¹ AIRONLINE 2021 TEL 44