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**HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 5725 OF 2026

Between:

Tirupathi Srihari @ T. Srihari alia Chiru, S/o. Chandra Mouli.

Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep, by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, Hyderabad
3. The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Gopalapuram Division, North Zone, Hyderabad.
4. The Station House Officer, Chilkalguda PS, Hyderabad District.
5. Gangari Mukesh, S/o. Gangari Bala Krishna, Aged 23 years, Occ. Business, Fish Market, R/o. 1-6-212/65/107/107, Fish Building, Gangaputra Colony, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.

Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate SRI KARUNAKAR REDDY presented this Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS to declare the action of the Respondents No. 2 to 4 in opening rowdy sheet by virtue of Proceedings No. 125/OW/ACP-GP/2020 dt. 18.02.2020 against the petitioner based on one crime alleged to have in Cr. No. 633/2019 on the file of 4th respondent even though the petitioner is not the habitual offender and not involved in any breach of peace and public tranquility and the same is being continued by extending the rowdy sheet without specifying any reason as arbitrary, illegal, violation of Part III of the Constitution of India as against the articles 14, 15, 21, 22, and paradox to Police Standing Orders No. 602(1) of APPM and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 4 to set side the rowdy sheet against the petitioner in the 4th respondent police station in the interest of justice.

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of SRI KARUNAKAR REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner and SRI M. SRINIVAS, AGP FOR HOME for the Respondents No. 1 to 4 directed issue of

notice to the Respondent No.5 herein to show cause as to why this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

Gangari Mukesh, S/o. Gangari Bala Krishna, R/o. 1-6-212/65/107/107, Fish Building, Gangaputra Colony, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.

are directed to show cause on or before 31.03.2026 to which date the case stands posted as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the affidavit filed therewith (copy enclosed) this WRIT PETITION should not be admitted.

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Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the respondents 2 to 4 to close the rowdy sheet against the petitioners in the 4th respondent police station, pending disposal of WP No. 5725 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following

ORDER:

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. *Prima facie*, it appears that merely 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 *Mansoor Shah*

*Khan vs. State of Telangana*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.

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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.

Sd/- T.SRINIVASA REDDY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Secretariat, State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, Hyderabad.
3. The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Gopalapuram Division, North Zone, Hyderabad.
4. The Station House Officer, Chilkalguda PS, Hyderabad District.
(Addressees 1 to 4 BY SPAD)
5. Gangari Mukesh, S/o. Gangari Bala Krishna, R/o. 1-6-212/65/107/107, Fish Building, Gangaputra Colony, Musheerabad, Hyderabad.
(BY SPAD along with a copy of petition and affidavit)
6. One CC to SRI KARUNAKAR REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court at Hyderabad. [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

EVV, J

DATED: 24/02/2026

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DIRECTION