

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.2998 of 2026

DATE: 17.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Vanguru Narayana Reddy

.....petitioner/accused No.1

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana
at Hyderabad and another.

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No1 in Crime No.2515 of 2025 before the Madhapur

Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 127(2), 308(2), 115(2), 351(2) read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the de facto complainant, on 22.12.2025 at about 10.00 p.m., he along with his associates went to the house of the petitioner at the instance of prior communication to discuss issues relating to a plot transaction. It is alleged that the petitioner along with his associates forcibly took them to the parking area, assaulted them, wrongfully confined them in a lift and later in a basement room, and forcibly took away the cash brought by them in carton boxes and pushed them out without returning the money. On the basis of the said complaint, the above crime was registered for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri Dharmesh D.K. Jaiswal, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State and Sri Krishna Sankya Talluri, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent No.2 - de facto complainant.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and the present case is a false and motivated complaint filed as a counterblast to the complaint lodged by the petitioner against the de facto complainant in relation to a property transaction. He further submitted that the de facto complainant induced the petitioner to purchase a plot for Rs.1.5 crores and collected an amount of Rs.1.30 crores but failed to execute any sale deed and suppressed the fact that the property was involved in litigation. When the petitioner demanded execution of the sale deed or refund of the amount, disputes arose and the present false complaint was lodged. He contended that the petitioner is a 66-year-old senior citizen suffering from serious medical conditions and had also recently met with a road accident resulting in cervical spine injury. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the petition contending that the allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious in nature and that during investigation statements of witnesses have been recorded and several

witnesses have clearly stated that the complainant and others carried carton boxes containing money into the house of the petitioner and returned without the same, indicating that the money was forcibly taken by the accused. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. Learned counsel for the de facto complainant also opposed the grant of anticipatory bail contending that the petitioner and his associates lured the complainant to his residence under the pretext of settling the dispute relating to a plot transaction and then assaulted and threatened him and forcibly took away cash brought by them and that the petitioner is in possession of a licensed firearm and used the same to intimidate the complainant and his staff during the incident. He contended that the petitioner has also filed a private complaint as a counterblast to the present case and if anticipatory bail is granted, there is a likelihood of the petitioner influencing witnesses and tampering with evidence. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

7. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the dispute between the parties primarily arises out of a transaction relating to sale of a plot and the allegations made by each side are in the nature of rival versions with regard to the said transaction. The main allegation against the petitioner is that he, along with his associates, assaulted the de facto complainant and others, wrongfully confined them and forcibly took away the cash brought by them when they came to his house to discuss the dispute relating to the plot transaction. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation appears to have been completed and the offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable with imprisonment for a period which may extend to below seven years. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before
the Station House Officer, Madhapur
Police Station, Cyberabad
Commissionerate, within two weeks

from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, with two sureties, for the like sum each.

- ii. The petitioner shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.
- iii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., for a period of eight (8) weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier and thereafter, as and when required.
- iv. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly contact, threaten, induce or influence the de facto complainant or any of the prosecution witnesses.

- v. The petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence or attempt to interfere with the course of investigation in any manner.
- vi. In case the petitioner violates any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in accordance with law.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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