

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3993 of 2026

DATE: 25.03.2026

Between:

Erra Raju @ Yerra Raju

.... Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This criminal petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.13 of 2026 of Chilkalguda Police Station, Hyderabad. The offence alleged against the petitioner are under Section 376(2)(n) of IPC.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police on 06.01.2026 stating that her elder sister married the petitioner in 2009, while he was employed in Bombay. After marriage, her sister resided with the family, and the petitioner occasionally visited them. In 2010, when her sister was five months pregnant, the petitioner left her, but later returned after the birth of a baby girl and took her to his hometown, Jangaon. Within a few days, however, her sister, along with the child, returned to Hyderabad due to financial difficulties. The petitioner, used to visit their house and behaved in an indecent manner, attempting to outrage her modesty by holding her hand and touching her inappropriately. On one occasion in the year 2019, he offered her samosas, and after consuming them, she became intoxicated. Taking advantage of her condition, the petitioner, forcibly assaulted her. Upon regaining consciousness, she noticed bleeding and experienced stomach pain. She, along with her mother, went to Police Station to lodge a complaint, but her father brought them back home, fearing that her sister's marital life would be ruined. Even in 2025, he continued the same behavior by assaulting her physically despite of her resistance and warnings, he did not change his behaviour. Even in 2025,

the petitioner continued the same conduct by physically assaulting her despite her resistance and repeated warnings. He did not mend his behavior. Consequently, she requested that necessary legal action be taken against the petitioner. Based on her complaint, a case was registered against the petitioner for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri Ramu Muchakurthi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations and has been in judicial custody since 12.01.2026 and that the crucial part of the investigation has already been completed. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the allegations against the petitioner heinous and severe in nature as he physically assaulted the de-facto complainant. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition. However,

he informed the Court that the charge sheet has already been filed on 18.03.2026 and entire investigation is completed.

6. In light of the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner is arrayed as accused and has remained in judicial custody since 12.01.2026. It is also noted that there is a considerable delay in lodging the report, spanning from 2010 to 2026. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner-Accused, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Secunderabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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