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HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

FRIDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

WRIT PETITION NO: 11907 OF 2026

Between

Singapogu Subba Rao, S/o. Lakshmaiah

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Dept. of Home, B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana State.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. The Director General of Police, Hyderabad, Telangana.
4. The Station House Officer, Panjagutta, Hyderabad.
5. RamaKrishna, Occ. Inspector of Police, Presently Working in PS: Panjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

...Respondents

WHEREAS the Petitioner above named through his Advocate Sri Kommu Praveen Kumar 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 a writ order or direction more particularly one in the nature of writ of mandamus to declare the action of Respondent No. 2 & 4 herein confining and coercing the Petitioner herein for forcefully breath analyzer on 13.04.2026 at 12 noon in the police station premises subjecting the petitioner to mental and physical humiliation until breath as being illegal, arbitrary and violation of right to life and human dignity and violation of Article 14 and 21 of the constitution of India and further declare the action of Respondent No. 4 herein in abusing and intimidating the Petitioner advocate to implicate in a criminal case as violation of law and Human Rights and misuse of public office and It is also further declare that the inaction of Respondent in not providing police protection as threat to the life. As per the representation date 16.04.2026;

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and Affidavit filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri V. Raghunath, Senior Counsel representing Sri. Kommu Praveen Kumar, Advocate for the Petitioner, Sri Mahesh

Raje, GP for Home, for the Respondent Nos.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:

RamaKrishna, Occ. Inspector of Police, Presently Working in PS: Panjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana State.

are directed to show cause on or before **24.04.2026** 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.

I.A. NO: 3 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 of C.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to Direct the Respondent No. 2 and 4 herein to preserve the CCTV footages and videos of the Respondent No. 4 police station of dated 13/04/2026 from 11.30 AM onwards, pending disposal of WP No 11907 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following:

ORDER

Notice before admission.

Sri Mahesh Raje, learned Government Pleader for Home, takes notice for respondent Nos.1 to 4, waives further notice and seeks time to get instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to take out personal notice to respondent No.5 by Speed Post with Acknowledgment Due and file proof of service before the Registry by the next date of listing.

Sri V.Raghunath, learned Senior Counsel representing the counsel for the petitioner on record, by furnishing the video, which has been videographed at Punjagutta Police Station on 13.04.2026 at about 12:00 noon, would submit that the petitioner is a practicing advocate before this Court and in order to seek justice to the victims arising out of F.I.R.No.258 of 2026, dated 17.04.2026, which was registered for the offences punishable under 351 (2) and 352 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short "the BNS") the petitioner, who is de facto complainant in the said case, visited respondent No.4 to enquire with regard to the status of the complaint as the victims are suffering at the hands of the accused

persons therein. Learned Senior Counsel would take an objection with regard to the manner in which the petitioner is being treated by respondent No.5, who has been working as Inspector of Police in respondent No.4-police station. Learned Senior Counsel relied upon the video where the petitioner has been subjected to Breath Analyzer Test stating that the petitioner has consumed alcohol and the said Test discloses that the petitioner has consumed 27% of alcohol and admittedly the said percentage is fit for driving the vehicle as well. Learned Senior Counsel would submit that the said action of respondent No.5 is unwarranted, arbitrary, illegal and abuse of process of law and the official respondents ought to have furnish the status of investigation in Crime No.258 of 2026 in decent manner without infringing the fundamental rights of the petitioner. Learned Senior Counsel would further submit that the respondent police are intruding upon the petitioner's personal life and liberty by categorizing his character in a manner that is defamatory in nature.

Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner would further submit that, thereafter, the petitioner was chased by some unknown persons in one way or the other and causing fear psychosis on the petitioner about his personal life and liberty. Learned Senior Counsel would further submit that admittedly the accused persons in Crime No.258 of 2026 have also lodged a complaint against the petitioner and basing on the said complaint a case in Crime No.303 of 2026 was registered on 15.04.2026, precisely a week later, for the offences punishable under Sections 351 (2) and 352 of B.N.S., which action itself would clearly exhibit the intention of the official respondents to frighten the petitioner herein. Stating so, learned Senior Counsel prays this Court to pass appropriate orders.

Learned Government Pleader for Home, while denying the submissions made by the learned Senior Counsel, would submit that the petitioner, along with victims as well as media, had visited respondent No.4 in an inebriated condition by giving them a prior notice only to exert pressure upon respondent No.4. He would further submit that, having

pressure upon respondent No.4. He would further submit that, having noticed that the petitioner is in an inebriated condition, Breath Analyzer Test was conducted on the petitioner. He prays this Court to grant some time to obtain further instructions and to assist this Court by filing counter.

Further facts are required, specifically, under what authority the Breath Analyzer Test was conducted and the reasons for the ensuing disturbance. As the video evidence demonstrates that the petitioner was subjected to a test, which is unknown to law, the matter requires more detailed examination. The said aspects can only be ascertained after filing of the counter. In the meanwhile, learned Senior Counsel is directed to furnish the copy of the videograph to the learned Government Pleader as sought by him to assist the Court on the aspect of the steps taken by the official respondents on the alleged incident.

List on 24.04.2026.

Meanwhile, respondent Nos.1 to 4 are directed not to infringe the fundamental rights of the petitioner herein and not to interfere with the personal life and liberty of the petitioner, without following due process of law. Any deviation in this regard shall be viewed seriously by this Court.

Respondent No.4 is further directed to preserve the CCTV Footages and videos of respondent No.4, dated 13.04.2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

S1/- P.C.SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Home, B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, Hyderabad, Telangana State.
2. The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, Telangana.
3. The Director General of Police, Hyderabad, Telangana.

4. The Station House Officer, Panjagutta, Hyderabad.(**Addresses 1 to 4 BY SPAD**)
5. RamaKrishna, Occ. Inspector of Police, Presently Working in PS: Panjagutta, Hyderabad, Telangana State.[**by SPAD-along with a copy of petition and affidavit**]
6. One CC to Sri. KOMMU PRAVEEN KUMAR Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
8. One spare copy
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HIGH COURT

EVV, J

DATED: 17-04-2026

NOTE: LIST ON 24.04.2026

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DIRECTION

