

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

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7227 OF 2026

Between:

1. Mohmed Rafeeq Pasha, S/o. Gumshavali, Age. 34 Years, Occ. Auto Driver, R/o. Valya Naik Thanda, H/o. Pallaruguda Village, Sangem Mandal, Warangal.
2. Malagani Ramesh @ Swarnakar, S/o. Sambaiah, Age. 31 Years, Occ. Business, R/o. Deshaipalli Village, Duggondi Mandal, Warangal.

...Petitioners/Accused Nos. 1 and 2

AND

1. The State of Telangana through S.H.O. P.S. Sangem, Warangal Police Commissionerate, Represented by Public Prosecutor, High Court at Hyderabad

...Respondent No.1

2. N. Jagan Mohan Reddy, S/o Ramachandra Reddy, Age. 54 Years, Occ. Deputy Tahsildar, (CS) Wardhannapet, R/o. H. No. 1-9-1175, Shankar Nagar, Hunter Road, Hanamkonda

...Respondent No.2/Defacto-Complainant

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS., praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to quash the Charge sheet in C.C No. 4212 of 2022, on the file of II Addl. Junior Civil Judge-Cum-II Addl. Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Warangal, Warangal District and to pass such other order or orders as this Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS., praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to stay of all further proceedings including dispensewith personal appearance of the Petitioners in C.C No. 4212 of 2022, on the file of II Addl. Junior Civil Judge-Cum-II Addl. Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Warangal, Warangal District, and to pass such other order or orders as this Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Isha Mehra , Advocate for the Petitioner and Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Addl Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondents No.1 and none appears for Respondent No.2.

The Court made the following : ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7227 of 2026

Date: 05.05.2026

Between:

Mohmed Rafeeq Pasha and another

...Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana and another

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed by the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.4212 of 2022 on the file of the learned II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-II Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Warangal, Warangal District.

2. Heard Mr.Isha Mehra, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr.Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1.

3. The specific allegation against the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 is that they have procured PDS rice from the beneficiaries at cheaper rate to sell the same for profit and on 05.09.2017, the petitioners were found in possession of 28.40 quintals of PDS rice.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that without there being any complaint from any beneficiary, alleging that the rice was procured deceptively or with a criminal intent and charging the petitioners for prosecution is untenable and improper. The allegations, even taken at their face value cannot be sustained against the petitioners. Further, this Court, in Crl.P.No.5709 of 2019, while considering the same situation, categorically observed that the offences alleged against the petitioners therein could not be continued and accordingly quashed the proceedings. The petitioners are also entitled to the same relief and hence prayed to quash the proceedings against the petitioners.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that as per prosecution, the offences said to have been committed by the petitioners is cheating and violation of Section 7 of the EC Act and requested to pass appropriate orders.

6. Section 7 of the EC Act contemplate that any person contravenes with the production, supply, distribution and trade of essential commodities, is punishable. As per the prosecution, the petitioners have procured PDS rice from the beneficiaries after supply from the dealer.

7. A Coordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.7227 of 2025 has considered the identical facts and observed that:

"There is no averment indicating that the petitioner in any way deceptively induced the beneficiaries to part with the supplied PDS rice or the beneficiary entrusted the PDS rice purchased by them with the petitioner and they dishonestly misappropriated or converted to their own use or used it in violation of a lawful direction or contract. In the absence of essential factors, on the face of prosecution, this Court finds it to be a fit case to exercise the jurisdiction under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023. Thus, continuance of proceedings against the petitioner is abuse of process of law".

8. The facts and circumstances of the present case also similar to those in the above case and hence, this Court finds it to be a fit case to exercise jurisdiction under Section 528 of BNSS by applying the same analogy and to quash the proceedings against the petitioners herein.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed and the proceedings in C.C.No.4212 of 2022 on the file of the learned II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-II Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Warangal, Warangal District, against the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2, are hereby quashed.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- AHMED ABDULLA KHAN
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The II Addl Junior Civil Judge-Cum-Judicial II Addl. Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Warangal, Warangal District.

2. The Station House Officer, Sangem Police Station, Warangal District .
3. One CC to Sri Isha Mehra, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana (OUT)
5. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 05/05/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.7227 of 2026

CRIMINAL PETITION IS ALLOWED

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