

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9581 of 2026

DATE: 06.07.2026

BETWEEN:

Sri Saggam Anantha Laxmi Kumar @ SAL Kumar

.....petitioner/accused

And

The State of Telangana

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.15/RCA-CR-1/2026 on the file of the learned Anti Corruption Bureau, City Range-1, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on credible information, the ACB registered Crime No.15/RCA-CR-I/2026 dated 18.05.2026 against the petitioner, a General Manager (E), HMWS&SB, for the offence under Section 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, alleging

possession of disproportionate assets. Searches were conducted on 19.05.2026, incriminating documents and cash were seized, and the petitioner was arrested. His bail application in Crl.M.P.No.85 of 2026 was dismissed by the Special Court, following which the present petition was filed.

3. Heard Sri M. Govind Reddy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, and Sri T. Bala Mohan Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for ACB appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and the FIR was registered without conducting a preliminary enquiry. He contended that the assets were wrongly valued, the petitioner's lawful income and the independent income of his wife and daughters were ignored, and the savings were arbitrarily calculated. He further submitted that the petitioner is a senior public servant with no criminal antecedents, is suffering from a heart ailment, has been in judicial custody since 19.05.2026, the investigation is based on documentary evidence already seized, and he is willing to cooperate with the investigation without tampering with the

evidence. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the case was registered only after a discreet preliminary enquiry and obtaining permission from the competent authority. During the searches, huge unaccounted cash, gold, documents and other assets were recovered, revealing disproportionate assets worth about Rs.4.92 crores beyond the petitioner's known sources of income. He contended that the petitioner failed to satisfactorily explain the assets, was not cooperating with the investigation, and several documents and witnesses are yet to be examined. If released on bail, there is every likelihood of his influencing witnesses and tampering with the evidence. Further, the investigation is not yet completed. At this stage, granting of bail to the petitioner does not arise. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. Having regard to rival submissions made, and on perusing the material placed on record, this Court deems it fit

to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to compliance of the following conditions :

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Principal Special Judge for trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, 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 applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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