



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

**TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.TUKARAMJI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9854 OF 2026

Between:

Argula Bojaram, S/o. Argula Bojanna, Aged about 35 years, Occ- Agriculture,
R/o.H.No.2-61/2, Annaram Village, Nandipet Mandal, Donkeshwar, Nizamabad
District.

...Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court Buildings,
Hyderabad.

...Respondent

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to release the petitioner/Accused No.1 on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.77/2025, dt.10/05/2025, on the file of P.S. Mallapur, Jagtial District, 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 Harikishan Kudikala, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER



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DATE : 07.07.2026

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The State of Telangana

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ORDER:

This Criminal petition is filed under Section 482 of *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita* (for short 'BNSS'), seeking grant of anticipatory bail.

2. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and Mr.Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. The petitioner is arrayed as sole accused in FIR No.77 of 2025 on the file of Mallapur Police Station, Jagtial District facing accusation under Sections 318(4), 308(5) read with 3(5) of BNS and Sections 10, 24 of Electricity Act.

4. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the petitioner, along with the other accused, represented that accused Nos.2 and 3 were running companies in



Dubai and that they were licensed agents capable of providing employment opportunities. Believing such representations, the de facto complainant paid an amount of Rs.3 lakhs, pursuant to which the petitioner issued receipt and executed an agreement deed and facilitated the de facto complainant's travel to Dubai. After the de facto complainant was accommodated at a camp in the Al Quoz area, Dubai, the petitioner allegedly demanded the remaining amount of Rs.3 lakhs, which was thereafter remitted into the bank account of the petitioner. Subsequently, accused No.2 is alleged to have arranged bank accounts for receiving salary and provided credit cards without actually securing any employment. Upon realizing that he had allegedly been cheated, the de facto complainant questioned the accused, whereupon he was allegedly threatened with dire consequences and sent back to India. After returning to India, on 06.03.2025, when the de facto complainant approached the petitioner and demanded refund of the amount paid, the petitioner allegedly threatened him by referring to a case registered against the de facto complainant in Dubai, demanded an additional amount of Rs.1 lakh, and further threatened him with dire consequences. Accordingly, upon police report, the present crime came to be registered.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the de facto complainant was, in fact, sent to Dubai and necessary arrangements, including opening of bank accounts, were made. However, it is contended that the petitioner has no



connection whatsoever with providing employment opportunities in Dubai. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation and abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Learned counsel also points out that the alleged incident relates to the year 2022, whereas the complaint was lodged after a delay of nearly three years. Thus, having regard to the nature and extent of the allegations made against the petitioner and as he is apprehending coercive action against him by the police, learned counsel prays for grant of anticipatory bail or for issuance of section 35(3) BNSS notice, to secure his interests.

6. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the petition, contending that the petitioner has been specifically named by the de facto complainant and that the amounts were allegedly paid through him. It is submitted that the material on record prima facie discloses the active involvement of the petitioner in the alleged offences. It is further contended that the petitioner is involved in similar offences and has not made himself available for investigation so far. Accordingly, learned Additional Public Prosecutor prayed for dismissal of the petition.

7. I have carefully considered the rival submissions and perused the material available on record.

8. The allegation against the petitioner is that he played an active role in collecting amounts from the de facto complainant under the pretext of securing



employment in Dubai. However, having regard to the fact that, even according to the de facto complainant, he was sent to Dubai, the timeline of the alleged occurrence, the delay in lodging the report, the nature of the allegations relating to extortion, the applicability of the alleged offences concerning extortion by threat of grievous hurt, and considering that the alleged offences are punishable with imprisonment for a term of less than seven years, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, particularly in view of the petitioner's categorical undertaking that he shall participate in and fully cooperate with the investigation, this court deems it appropriate to extend to the petitioner the statutory safeguards contemplated under Section 35(3) of the BNSS by leaving open all issues to be examined by the Investigating Agency during the course of investigation.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to appear before the Station House Officer, Mallapur Police Station, Jagtial District, within one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Upon such appearance, the Investigating Officer shall issue a notice to the petitioner under Section 35(3) of the BNSS in connection with FIR No.77 of 2025 and shall thereafter proceed strictly in accordance with law, duly adhering to the principles and guidelines enunciated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar*, (2014) 8 SCC 273. The petitioner shall, in turn, extend full cooperation to the Investigating Officer during the course of investigation.



10. With this direction, this Criminal Petition is disposed of. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Station House Officer, Mallapur Police Station, Jagtial District.
2. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
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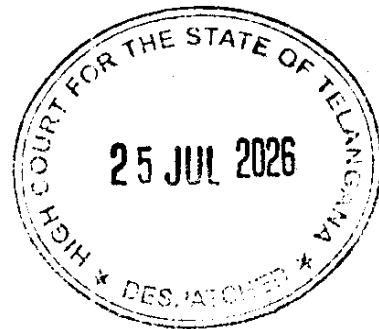
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 07/07/2026

ORDER

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DISPOSING THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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