

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9974 of 2026

DATE: 10.07.2026

BETWEEN:

Kunduru Vijay Reddy.

.....petitioner/accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.291 of 2026 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 75, 77, 78, 79 and 296(b) of BNS, and Sections 66(E). 67(A) of IT Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that a complaint was received from the District Agriculture Officer, Jangaon, stating that Smt. Sriramoju Nandhita, Junior Assistant, reported that certain objectionable and obscene posts containing her photographs were uploaded on Twitter (X) without her knowledge. The said photographs were allegedly taken during office hours on 14.05.2026 and were posted with vulgar captions through accounts namely “vamcvital” and “vamsivital11”, which gained substantial public views. Suspecting that the accused, K. Vijay Reddy, MAO (Incharge), had secretly taken her photographs while she was in the AO Tech Room, she monitored further activity, and another similar post was uploaded on 15.05.2026, strengthening her suspicion. The matter was reported to the authorities, the objectionable content was deleted, and upon enquiry by the Internal Committee and directions of the District Collector, the present crime was registered and taken up for investigation.

3. Heard Sri M. Anaveni, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondent No.1–State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged and has been falsely implicated in the case without any cogent or reliable evidence. It is further contended that the police have mechanically registered the crime without conducting any proper preliminary enquiry. He submits that the petitioner was remanded to judicial custody on 01.06.2026 and that the investigation has not been completed till date, nor has the charge sheet been filed, despite the petitioner being continuously available in judicial custody. Therefore, he prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent No.1–State opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and contended that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, involving uploading of objectionable and obscene content on social media platforms, thereby causing mental harassment to the victim. He further submits that the investigation is still in progress and the role of the petitioner is yet to be fully established. Therefore, he prayed for dismissal of the petition.

6. Having regard to the rival submissions made, and on perusing the material placed on record, it is noted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 01.06.2026 and the investigation has not been completed so far. The charge sheet is yet to be filed. There is no material placed before this Court to show that the continued detention of the petitioner is necessary for the purpose of investigation. Therefore, this Court is of the opinion that it is a fit case to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the compliance of 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 Principal Judicial First Class Magistrate, Jangaon District.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m. on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks 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.

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