

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.10009 of 2026

DATE: 03.07.2026

Between:

Kothalavada Maruthi @ K. Maruthi Patel

.... Petitioner/Accused

AND

State of Telangana,
Through SHO, Malakpet, Hyderabad.
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad,

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/accused seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.200 of 2026 of Malakpet Police Station, Hyderabad. The offence alleged against the petitioner is under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 01.06.2026, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police stating that she became acquainted with the petitioner in the year 2024 and they were in relationship for the past two years. Under the promise of marriage, the petitioner physically exploited the complainant. Thereafter, when she insisted the petitioner to marry her, the petitioner refused to marry her. Hence, she requested the police to take necessary action. Based on the said complaint, a case was registered against the petitioner for the above-mentioned offence.

3. Heard Sri K. Giri Babu, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations and has been falsely implicated in the case and whatever the relationship between the petitioner and the *de-facto* complainant was voluntary in nature and there is no such promise of marriage. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 04.06.2026 and that the parties have compromised and upon the release of the

petitioner, they intend to marry each other and that the crucial part of the investigation has already been completed. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious in nature and that the investigation is still in progress. Therefore, prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 04.06.2026. As per the remand case diary, prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 10, including the investigating officer, have already been examined. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, the fact that the parties are in relationship from 2024 and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner-accused, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner-accused shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned VII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hyderabad.
- ii. The petitioner-accused 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-accused 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 petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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