

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13203 of 2025

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner, on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.2 in Crime No.1555 of 2025 of Cyber Crime Police Station, Hyderabad.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 30.08.2025, Sri Yarra Manindra Babu, Project Head of the Anti-Video Piracy Cell, Telugu Film Chamber of Commerce, filed a complaint against the websites rao.ibomma.foo, bappam.dev, and their 65 mirror sites for illegally uploading and distributing pirated Telugu movies and issuing threats to producers.

3. Heard Sri S. Ram Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated and had no involvement in the alleged cyber offences and that the petitioner was arrayed

as accused basing on the confession statements of co-accused and that could not be relied upon, and the custody of the petitioner was no longer required as crucial evidence had already been seized. 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 allegations leveled against the petitioner are serious in nature. He further submitted that there is a huge loss to the film industry due to the acts of the petitioner and that the involvement of the other accused has to be traced out, as such, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required. Further, the investigation was 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. In the light of the submissions made by the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is noted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 24.09.2025. According to the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, no police custody petition is pending, and the

police have already completed their custody and collected the necessary incriminating material from the petitioner. The main allegation against the petitioner is that based on the confession of accused No.3, he allegedly handed over his phone to the petitioner, which led to the petitioner being arrayed as an accused. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, as well as the incarceration period of the petitioner, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the 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 learned XII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nampally, 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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