

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

**WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K.SURENDER

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8242 OF 2023

Between:

M.Natraj, S/o. Govind Rao, Aged about 57 years, Occ. M.P.D.O., R/o. H.No.10-14-2086/3, Nizamabad.

...PETITIONER/SOLE ACCUSED

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana At Hyderabad.
2. Banavath Swaroopa, W/o. Sriram, Aged about 32 years, Occ. Anganwadi Teacher, R/o. Salpa Banda Thanda Village, Dharpally Mandal, Nizamabad District.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANTS

Petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Station House Officer, Dharpally Police Station, Nizamabad District to release the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No. 100/2023 of Dharpally Police Station, Nizamabad 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 C. Sharan Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner and the Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No.1 and None appeared for the Respondent No.2.

The Court made the following: ORDER

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K.SURENDER

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for short 'Cr.P.C.') by the petitioner to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail in connection with Crime No.100 of 2023 on the file of the Dharpally Police station, Nizamabad District, registered for the offences alleged under Sections 417, 420, 376(2)(n) and 506 of IPC and Section 3(2)(v), 3(2)(va) & 3(2)(vii) of the SC/ST (POA) Act, 2015.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent- State. Perused the record.

3. The second respondent filed a complaint stating that she is an Anganwadi teacher and this petitioner is a Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO). It is alleged that he had called respondent No.2 to the office and threatened that he would send report to the higher officials. The second respondent pleaded and when questioned, petitioner said that she should come as and when he calls her. Petitioner took her to his house and behaved indecently and accordingly he had exploited her sexually several times. It is further alleged that this petitioner had brought her to Hyderabad on

promise of a private job. She tried to commit suicide for the acts of this petitioner and she was saved by her husband. When the husband insisted to know the reason, then she revealed the acts of this petitioner.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that there was consensual relationship which was going on since September 2021 and even according to her complaint she had travelled to Hyderabad and it was on her own and there was no force to travel. The circumstances clearly indicate that the second respondent was in consensual relationship with the petitioner.

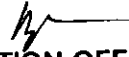
5. As seen from the complaint, the petitioner had misused his position as Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) to sexually harass the second respondent. It is the matter for investigation to ascertain whether the relationship was consensual or not. In the background of serious allegation, this Court is not inclined to grant relief of anticipatory bail.

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/-P.CH.NAGABHUSHAMBA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The II Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate at Nizamabad.
2. The Station House Officer, Dharpally Police Station, Nizamabad District.
3. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad[OUT]
4. One CC to Sri C. Sharan Reddy, Advocate [OPUC]
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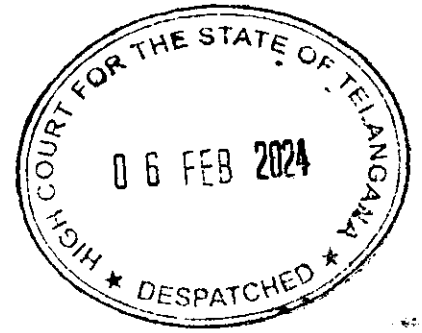
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HIGH COURT

DATED:06/09/2023

ORDER

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DISMISSING THE CRL.P.

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