

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1797 of 2025

ORAL ORDER:

The present Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner who is arrayed as sole accused in Crime No.1455 of 2024 dated 27.11.2024 before the Kukatpally Police Station, on bail.

2. The brief facts of the case of prosecution are that on November 27, 2024, the *de facto* complainant lodged a complaint with the SHO, PS Kukatpally, alleging that a man she met while working at Manappuram in 2022 made false promises of marriage, sexually exploited her, and took 12 tulas of gold from her. It was alleged that the petitioner introduced her to his family, took her to various hotels, and repeatedly promised to marry her, but later refused, citing her different caste. The woman reported being threatened by the petitioner and his brother. Based on her complaint, a case was registered against the petitioner for the offences punishable under Section 69 of BNS. The petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on

November 29, 2024. Aggrieved thereby, this criminal petition is filed.

3. Heard Mr. L.Abhineeth Manuel, learned counsel for petitioner, and Mr. Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He contended that petitioner has been languishing in jail since November 29, 2024 and that the material part of the investigation is already completed. He asserted that the petitioner has no other criminal antecedents warranting his judicial remand. Therefore, he prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner and submitted that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and asserted that the investigation is still pending. Therefore, prayed this Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. Having regard to the rival submissions made and on going through the material placed on record, it is noted that the petitioner is in judicial custody since November 29, 2024, and till today no charge sheet is filed. Hence, considering the period of incarceration of petitioner in jail and the fact that the material investigation is already completed, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to following the below 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 XII Additional Junior Civil Judge cum XII Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, at Kukatpally.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of BNSS (previously known as Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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