

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J. SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7127 of 2025

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS') by the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1, seeking bail in Crime No.236 of 2025 of L.B.Nagar Police Station, Ranga Reddy District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 178, 179, 180, 182, 318 (4) and 61 (2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhitha, 2023 (for short 'BNS').

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 13.03.2025, the police received credible information through a source that 6 to 7 persons were coming to exchange counterfeit Indian currency at 1:4 ratio and fake gold biscuits in front of Mc.Donald's, near Chinthalakunta X Road, L.B. Nagar. Believing the information to be reliable, superior officers made a GD entry and observed seven persons gathered and moving suspiciously. They then concealed their presence, kept watch on the suspected individuals, and apprehended petitioner and other accused and seized counterfeit currency. Basing on the same, Crime No.236 of 2025 was registered.

3. Heard Mr.Ravuri Sai Sumanth, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed the offence and he was falsely implicated in the present crime. He further submits that the petitioner was arrested on 13.03.2025, since then he was in judicial custody. He further submits that entire investigation is completed. After expiry of statutory period, the Investigating Officer has not filed any charge sheet and petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation and also abide by the conditions which are going to be imposed by this Court. Hence, prayed for grant of bail.

5. Per contra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner has committed a grave offence and the investigation is under progress. At this stage, if the petitioner is enlarged on bail, he will interfere with the investigation and also influence the witnesses and also commits similar offences. Hence, the petitioner is not entitled for grant of bail.

6. Having considered the rival submissions made by the respective parties and after perusal of the material available on record, it reveals that the petitioner is languishing in jail since 13.03.2025. It is noteworthy that charge sheet is not filed till date. Even according to the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, 16 witnesses were examined and the material part of the investigation is also completed.

7. Taking into consideration the above facts and circumstances of the case and considering the incarceration period, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner/accused No.1 subject to the following conditions.

(i) The petitioner/accused No.1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the II Additional Magistrate-cum-II Additional Junior Civil Judge at L.B.Nagar.

(ii) After release, if the petitioner/accused No.1 indulges in similar offence, the respondent-State is entitled to file an application seeking cancellation of the bail granted by this Court in his favour.

(iii) The petitioner/accused No.1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 483 (3) of BNSS.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

Date: 20.06.2025

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