

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13668 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner, who arrayed as accused No.2 in Crime No.376 of 2025 of Nizamabad I Town Police Station, Nizamabad, on bail, the present petition is filed.

2 . The brief facts of the case are that, on 06.10.2025, on credible information regarding prostitution allegedly being conducted by certain individuals, the complainant conducted a raid at Laxmi Vilas Udipi Lodge, Nizamabad. During the raid, the petitioner was found at the premises, and it was alleged that Accused No.1 was the organizer of the said brothel. The petitioner was subsequently arrested on the same day. Based on the said incident, a case was registered *vide* Crime No.376 of 2025 for offences punishable under Section 143(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and Sections 3(1), 5 and 7 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (PIT Act).

3. Heard Sri Allika Suresh, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and has been in judicial custody since 06.10.2025 and that, even as per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner is merely a customer, and Section 143(2) of BNS is not applicable to him and that all other alleged offences are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years, and that the material part of the investigation has already been completed and further detention of the petitioner is unnecessary. 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, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature and that the investigation is still ongoing, releasing the petitioner on bail at this stage may result in tampering with evidence or intimidation of witnesses.

However, he informed the Court that there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner and prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is noted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 06.10.2025. As reflected in the remand case dairy, LWs.1 to 10 were already been examined including the investigating officer and as there are no criminal antecedents against 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 I Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate at Nizamabad.
- 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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