

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.14039 of 2025

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioner who is arrayed as accused No.9 in Crime No.427 of 2025 of Chilkalguda Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Section 61(2), 111, 316(5), 318(4), 336(3) and 338 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (for short 'BNS').

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 20.08.2025, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police stating that the petitioner, an employee of the State Bank of India, had sanctioned a loan of Rs.4,00,000/- to Accused No.3 using fabricated documents. The petitioner, in collusion with the other accused, was involved in a criminal conspiracy to defraud the bank. The petitioner is said to have assisted in the preparation of forged documents and sanctioned the loan without proper verification, thereby causing wrongful loss to the State Bank of India. Based on this complaint, the police

registered a case against Accused Nos.1 to 12 for the aforementioned offences.

3. Heard Sri Jaligama Murali Krishna, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations made against him and that the documents submitted by Accused No.3 were duly verified by the petitioner before sanctioning the loan. The petitioner is not liable for conviction under Section 338 of BNS, as he was not involved in the fabrication or forgery of the documents. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2025, and no further investigation is pending against him. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant regular bail to him by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are grave in nature and that the investigation with respect to the remaining accused is still

pending, and since the overall investigation is not yet complete, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is observed that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2025. As seen from the record, police custody has also been completed, and the investigation concerning the petitioner is concluded. Taking into account the duration of incarceration and the fact that the investigation, insofar as it pertains to the petitioner, is complete, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner/Accused No.9, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner/accused No.9 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hyderabad at Secunderabad.
- ii. The petitioner/accused No.9 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/accused No.9 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.

Date: 11.11.2025
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