

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.14723 of 2025

DATE: 04.12.2025

BETWEEN:

Tangirala Akhil Kumar

.....petitioner/accused

And

State of Telangana,
Represented through Public Prosecutor,
High Court Buildings,
Hyderabad and another.

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.331 of 2025 before the Kodad Town

Police Station, Suryapet District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 78, 115(2), 329(4), 351(2) of BNS and Section 12 of POCSO Act, 2012.

2. The brief facts of the case are that respondent No.2 had lodged a complaint on 30.10.2025 alleging that the petitioner had been repeatedly harassing her for over a year, threatening her and her family, attempting to force sexual relations, and blackmailing her with morphed photographs and videos. She further alleged that he had stored her photographs on multiple devices and had continued to threaten her and her mother using different phone numbers. Based on the said complaint, the police registered the case for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri B.A.Prakash Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had been falsely implicated and that both the petitioner and respondent No.2 had been in a consensual

relationship for the past five years, which was opposed by her parents. He further submitted that the complaint was an afterthought, lodged with an unexplained delay of around eighteen months, and lacked specific dates or details and that WhatsApp messages showed that both were in love and that the allegations were fabricated to harass the petitioner due to family disputes. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest 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 stating that the allegations leveled against the petitioner are serious and heinous in nature. Further, the investigation was not yet completed. At this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the main allegation against the petitioner is that he has been threatening the de facto complainant. As seen from the WhatsApp chat filed by the petitioner, the petitioner and the de facto complainant were

acquainted with each other. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, subject to the following stringent conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Kodad Town Police Station, Nalgonda District, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.
- iii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., till the filing of the charge sheet and thereafter, as and when required.
- iv. The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, contact, communicate with,

message, approach, or otherwise attempt to influence the de facto complainant or her family members in any manner whatsoever.

- v. The petitioner shall not post, publish, circulate, or transmit any photographs, videos, chats, or digital content relating to the de facto complainant, nor shall he tamper with or delete any data stored in his devices till completion of investigation.
- vi. The petitioner shall not indulge in any act that may amount to intimidation, threat, coercion, or harassment of the de facto complainant or any witnesses.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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