

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15687 of 2025

DATE: 11.12.2025

BETWEEN:

Banoth Mangu

.....petitioner/accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as an accused in S.C.No.332 of 2013 on the file of the learned Assistant Sessions Judge, Mahabubabad. An NBW was issued against the petitioner

after 10 years, and the Police arrested him on 09.10.2025. Thereafter, the petitioner filed a bail petition before the trial Court, which was dismissed on 14.11.2025 on the ground that, because of the petitioner, the trial has been pending since 2015.

2. Heard Sri Y. Bala Murali, 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.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that as the case was transferred to another Court the petitioner was unaware of the same and, therefore, did not attend the trial Court. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in jail since 09.10.2025. The evidence before the trial Court has already been completed, and P.W.1 turned hostile in cross-examination. There is no threat to the victim at the hands of the petitioner, and he is willing to co-operate with the trial Court. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

4. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned

counsel for the petitioner stating that it was solely because of the petitioner that the trial has not commenced since 2015, though all the witnesses were examined in chief as early as 2019. If the petitioner is released on bail, there is every chance of his absconding, which would hamper the trial. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

5. In light of the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is noted that P.W.1 has already been cross-examined and there is no incriminating evidence against the petitioner. Considering the same, 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 Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Mahabubabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on each and every adjournment and cooperate with the

trial Court in disposal of the case, as the case is of the year 2013.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

6. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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