

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15851 of 2025

DATE: 16.12.2025

BETWEEN:

Ramavath Srikanth Naik

.....petitioner/accused No.5

And

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

.....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 No.5 in Crime No.435 of 2025 before the

Maheshwaram Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 319(2), 318(4), 338, 336(4), 340(1), 340(2), 61(2) read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 12.11.2025, a complaint had been lodged by Ramidi Ramakanth Reddy stating that agricultural land belonging to his brother was fraudulently interfered with. He had discovered that a fabricated Pattadar Passbook and a fake Aadhaar card were created in his brother's name using impersonation, and that a registration slot was booked to sell the land without consent. He alleged that accused persons, in collusion with revenue officials, had forged land documents and digital signatures.

3. Heard Sri K. Venumadhav, 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 no specific allegations or overt acts had been attributed to the

petitioner either in the complaint or in the remand case diary. He further submitted that none of the ingredients as alleged in the complaint were made out, as there was no assertion that the petitioner forged signatures, created false documents, or acted with common intention. He contended that the investigation was substantially completed by the time of remand of the co-accused, and the petitioner was neither required for custodial interrogation nor shown to have conspired with others. 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. Therefore, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise. Hence, 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 careful perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the main allegation against

the petitioner is that he is one of the accused in the alleged fraudulent attempt to deal with the subject agricultural land. As seen from the record, no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner either in the complaint or in the remand case diary. There is no material placed on record to show that the petitioner had forged any documents, impersonated the land owner, created false digital records, or actively participated in the alleged transaction with the requisite common intention. Further, accused No.2 was arrested and subsequently enlarged on bail by this Court. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has already been completed and the role attributed to the petitioner does not warrant custodial interrogation at this stage. Therefore, considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Maheshwaram Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, 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

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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