

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT
HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17154 of 2025

DATE: 31.12.2025

Between:

Maheshwar Pattnayak @ Priyanka Das

.... Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through SHO, P.S., KPHB,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad .

.... Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused No.1 seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.1564 of 2025 of KPHB Colony Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 143 and 144 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS) and

Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 27.11.2025, based on credible information, Police conducted a raid at B123/LIG Colony and apprehended the petitioner along with the customers and victim, alleging that the petitioner was organizing the prosecution-said premises for monetary gain and he was arrested on 27.11.2025.

3. Heard Sri N. Narsimulu, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and the investigation has also been conducted by the Sub-Inspector of Police, who is a special officer. He further contended that, as per the recent judgment of the Telangana High Court in Criminal Petition No.8140 of 2025, a petition against the organizer was quashed for lapse of jurisdiction, and mere registration of a further case is not a ground for denying bail. He further contended that the petitioner is in jail from last

month and the entire investigation is completed. Hence, he requested the Court to grant bail.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the petitioner is a habitual offender. Previously, a case was also registered against the petitioner *vide* Crime No.1060 of 2025 for a similar offence. If he is released on bail, he will repeat the same. As such, he requested the Court to dismiss the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by the parties and the material on record, the petitioner has been in jail since 27.11.2025. As seen from the record, LWs.1 to 7 were examined, including the Investigating Authority. Considering the period of incarceration and the progress of the investigation, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner–accused No.1, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner–accused No.1 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 IV Additional Junior Civil Judge-Cum-XV-Additional Metropolitan Magistrate Court at Kukatpally, Cyberabad.

- ii. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall appear before the SHO concerned 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.1 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 petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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K. SUJANA, J

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