

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.248 of 2026

DATE: 22.01.2026

Between:

Sravan Kukmar Thakur

.... Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
At Hyderabad. Through PS L.B. Nagar.

.... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This criminal petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.1261 of 2025 of L.B. Nagar Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Section 65(1) of BNS and Section 5(l) read with 6 of POCSO Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 01.12.2025, the *de-facto* complainant, who is the mother of the victim lodged a report with the police stating that she has three sons and one daughter. The family had migrated to Hyderabad from Bihar for their livelihood. The complainant regularly went to work along with her husband, leaving the children at her in-laws' place. In the meantime, she came to know that her elder daughter, aged 14 years and a student, was chatting over the phone with the accused. The complainant reprimanded him, but he did not change his attitude. On 01.12.2025 at about 10:00 hours, as usual, the complainant and her husband went to work. At that time, the accused called the victim and threatened her to come to his room. Out of fear, the victim went to his room, where the accused committed sexual assault on her against her will. Upon returning home, when the complainant questioned her, the victim revealed the incident and further stated that the accused had previously committed sexual assault on her as well. Based on this complaint, the police registered a case against the petitioner for the said offences

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

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations and that no such offence has been committed and that the victim and the petitioner are in a consensual relationship and that the victim is aged about 20 years. The *de-facto* complainant, however, suppressed the age of the victim and stated that she is 14 years old. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 02.12.2025, and that the material part of the investigation has already been completed. Hence, he prayed that the Court grant bail to the petitioner.

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 are grave in nature and that the investigation is still in progress and releasing the petitioner on bail at this stage may result in tampering with evidence and threatening witnesses. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it is noted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 02.12.2025. As per the remand case diary, prosecution witnesses L.Ws. 1 to 16, including the investigating officer, have already been examined. Taking into account the overall facts, the stage of investigation and the period of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate 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 II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-II Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at L.B. Nagar.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday and Friday 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 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.

K. SUJANA, J

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