

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.164 of 2026

27.01.2026

Between:

Chelluri Chanti @ Chotu.

PETITIONER

AND

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

RESPONDENT

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.2228 of 2025 on the file of the II Additional Junior Civil Judge cum X Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Rangareddy District, at Kukatpally, Cyberabad.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 18.11.2025 at about 18:30 hours, the complainant, Sub-Inspector of Police, Malfuger PS, Cyberabad, received credible information regarding prostitution being conducted at Flat No.102, T.A.R. Nilayam, Plot No.138, Survey of India Colony, Madhupur. After recording the information in the General Diary and obtaining permission from the ACP, the police party along with mediators proceeded to the said premises and at 19:30 hours found one male customer, Bomma Ramesh, aged 28 years, and one female sex worker, Lahani Khutan, aged 22 years, inside the flat. On search, 11 unused condoms were seized. On enquiry, the victim stated that due to economic conditions she was lured and forced into prostitution by Chintu @ Chelluri Chanti/petitioner, who arranged her stay and compelled her to engage in sex work at different lodges and hotels in Hyderabad. Hence, FIR was registered against Accused No.1 Chintu @ Chelluri Chanti, for offences under Sections 143, 144 BNS and Sections 3, 4, 5 of the PIT Act.

3. Heard Sri Y.Soma Srinath Reddy, learned counsel for petitioner, and 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, has been falsely implicated without any involvement in the alleged offence, and that he was arrested on 26.11.2025 and has remained in custody for over 45 days though the allegations in the complaint and remand report, even if taken at face value, do not constitute the essential ingredients of the offences alleged. While advocating that the case being vague and based only on presumptions, and the investigation being complete, he prayed the Court to grant 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 petitioner was organizer and is prime accused in the case. While advocating that there are serious allegations against the petitioner, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Having regard to the rival submissions made, and on going through the material placed on record, it is noted that there are three other crimes pending against the petitioner for the similar offences. However, it is seen that petitioner is in judicial custody since 26.11.2025. That apart, LWs.1 to 12 were also examined. That being so, considering the circumstances of this case in entirety, and the period of incarceration of petitioner, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to following the below 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 II Additional Junior Civil Judge cum X Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Rangareddy District, at Kukatpally.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 480(3) of the BNSS, earlier known as Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.

- iv. During the bail period, if the petitioner is involved in similar offences, the prosecution is at liberty to file cancellation of bail petition.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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