

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.434 of 2026

DATE: 23.01.2026

Between:

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.... Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad,
Through Police Station L.B. Nagar,
Ranga Reddy District.

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioner who is arrayed as accused in FIR No.1290 of 2025 of L.B. Nagar Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, registered for the offence punishable under Section 69 of the BNS, 2023.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 09.12.2025, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that she

got acquainted with the petitioner herein about three years back and she came into a relationship with the petitioner herein, who is the DJ Operator and the petitioner herein physically exploited her under the pretext of marriage and thereafter, he refused to marry her. Hence, the complainant requested to take necessary action. Basing on the said complaint, the police registered a case for the above said offence and the petitioner was remanded to the judicial custody on 13.12.2025.

3. Heard Sri B. Nageshwar Rao, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegation and whatever the relationship between the parties is a consensual relationship and in fact, the petitioner is younger than the de-facto complainant and he is aged about 19 years on the date of registration of the case and prior to three years, he is a minor and the entire investigation was already completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to him 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 allegation leveled against him is serious

in nature. Further, the investigation is not yet completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 13.12.2025. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 12 including the investigating authority have already been examined. Further, the SCC memo filed by the petitioner shows the date of birth of the petitioner herein as 14.10.2006. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and the age of the petitioner, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner/accused, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner/accused 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 Judicial Magistrate, Ranga Reddy District, at L.B. Nagar.

- ii. The petitioner/accused shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner/accused 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 applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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