

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.814 of 2026

10.02.2026

Between:

Dilip Uthaya Kumar.

PETITIONER

AND

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

RESPONDENT

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.874 of 2025 before the Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar Police Station, registered for the offence punishable under Section 118(2) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 17.11.2025 at about 21:00 hours, the de-facto complainant, an employee

of Panasonic Company residing at Somaliguda, Hyderabad, was assaulted by his friend Dilip Uday Kumar with a stainless steel kadai (pan) on his right eye following an argument regarding repayment of flight ticket charges. The complainant sustained injury requiring surgery and lodged a complaint at S.R. Nagar Police Station, which was registered as Crime No.874/2025 initially under Section 118(1) BNS, later altered to Section 118(2) BNS. Investigation was handed over to the concerned officer.

3. Heard Sri VVNK Sarath Saran, 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 is innocent, a law-abiding professional with no criminal antecedents, and has been falsely implicated in the case as an arm-twisting tactic to evade monetary liability. He contended that even assuming the allegations to be true, the complaint does not attract the ingredients of

Section 118(2) BNS, as the alleged instrument does not qualify as a dangerous weapon and the injury does not fall within the definition of grievous hurt under Section 116 BNS. He further contended that the dismissal of the earlier anticipatory bail petition was contrary to the settled principle that “bail is the rule and jail is an exception,” and emphasized that custodial interrogation is not warranted. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner, and contended that there are serious allegations against the petitioner and investigation is pending. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Having regard to the rival submissions and material on record, it is noted that petitioner had no intention to commit the offence, and keeping in mind the mental status

of petitioner, 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, Sanjeeva Reddy Nagar Police Station, 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., for a period of eight weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet,

whichever is earlier, 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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