

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.2623 of 2026

DATE: 09.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Palthya Umla Naik

.....petitioner/accused No.1

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.110 of 2025 before the Vathpally

Police Station, Sangareddy District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 109 read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the case arose out of a complaint lodged on 26.12.2025 at 17:00 hours by the de facto complainant at Vatpally Police Station, Sangareddy District. He alleged that due to prior disputes relating to an alleged extra-marital issue involving his wife, the petitioner bore a grudge against him. On the same day, the petitioner allegedly called the complainant to Vatpally market, took him to a wine shop, and thereafter to a pigeon pea field, where, while consuming alcohol, the petitioner allegedly attempted to stab him with a knife with the intention to kill him. The complainant stated that he escaped with the help of another person, while the petitioner fled from the scene.

3. Heard Smt. L. Pranathi Reddy learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was innocent and had been falsely implicated due to personal disputes and that no injury was caused to the complainant and that the complaint itself only alleged an attempt, without specifying any injury or medical evidence, and that the complainant was not even sent for medical examination. He further submitted that the alleged place of occurrence was near a public place and no independent witnesses were examined and that the investigation had been completed and charge sheet filed, no further custodial interrogation was required. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest 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 petitioners stating the allegations in the complaint clearly disclosed that the petitioner had attempted to commit murder by attacking the de facto complainant with a knife due to prior enmity arising out of a personal dispute. He further submitted that the statements of the complainant and other witnesses recorded during investigation supported the prosecution case

and that the act of the petitioner constituted a serious offence. He contended that the mere absence of visible injuries did not dilute the gravity of the offence, as the intention and overt act of attempting to stab were sufficient to attract the alleged provisions. Therefore, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners does not arise. Hence, 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 main allegation against the petitioner is that, due to prior personal disputes, he attempted to stab the de facto complainant with a knife while they were in a field after consuming alcohol. However, it is not in dispute that the de facto complainant did not sustain any grievous injuries and there is no material placed on record to show that any serious or life-threatening injury was caused. The complaint primarily alleges an attempt, and the investigation has already been completed and charge sheet has been filed. Therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no longer required. Considering the nature of allegations, the completion of investigation and filing of charge

sheet, and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, 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, Vatpally Police Station, Sangareddy District, 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/-, each 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 (8) 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.

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