

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA**

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3444 OF 2026

DATE: 17.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Razenthal Sandeep Raj

... Petitioner/
Accused

And

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

... Respondent

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 in Crime No.72 of 2026 before Bandlaguda Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 69 and 351 (2) of the BNS.

2. Heard Sri Sanjeev Reddy Gillella, learned counsel for the petitioner-accused and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the *de facto* complainant lodged a report before police on 24.02.2026, wherein it is stated that the *de facto* complainant is acquainted with the family of the petitioner herein. The petitioner herein is a Pastor, who is living along with his wife and two sons at Patel Nagar, Banglaguda. It is stated that due to regular interaction, they become family friends and one occasion, the petitioner proposed the complainant and he want to marry her by giving divorce to his wife. It is stated that on the said pretext of marriage, they both have sexual intercourse in several times. It is stated that when the complainant resisted the petitioner for meeting with her sexually, the petitioner threatened her by saying that he has photos and videos and if she reveal about the incident to anyone, he would viral his photos and videos on social media and also would kill her. Hence, she lodged a complaint to take necessary action against the petitioner. Basing on the same police registered a case against the petitioner for the aforesaid offences.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner-accused would submit that as per the complaint, the complainant stated that basing on the promise of the petitioner only the complainant voluntarily had sexual intercourse with the petitioner on the

other hand the complainant made allegation against her will; that the incident was occurred in the year 2025 and the complaint was given in the year 2026; that the relationship between the petitioner and the complainant is a conscious relationship. He further submits that complainant and the petitioner are married persons. Therefore, the ingredients of Section 68 of the BNS do attract the petitioner. He also submits that as material part of the investigation is completed, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required and hence, he prays to grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and submits that the offences alleged against the petitioner are serious and grievous in nature. Therefore, the petitioner is not entitled for grant of bail and hence, he prays to dismiss the petition.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by both the parties and on personal of the material placed on record, the petitioner is already married person, which is known to the complainant as on the date of the incident and as the relationship between them is a conscious one, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner-accused shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Bandlaguda Police Station, Hyderabad, within two (2) weeks from today, and on such surrender, the petitioner shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each.

(ii) On such release the petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Wednesday 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.

(iii) 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.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 17.03.2026

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