

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3998 of 2026

DATE: 25.03.2026

Between:

Shaik Shabbir

.... Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor
High Court Buildings, Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This criminal petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/accused seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.250 of 2026 of Chaitanyapuri Police Station. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 69 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS).

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 24.02.2026 , the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police stating

that she became acquainted with the petitioner in the year 2021, while she was working as a tele caller in Manisha Enterprises, Telephone Colony, wherein the petitioner was working in the same and the petitioner has to show sympathy on her as she was raised in orphanage and as she has no family or relatives believing the same in repeatedly he stated that he will take care of her. Believing that he will marry her, she consented for relationship. She also got pregnant and delivered a baby boy and after giving her false promise of marriage the petitioner left her and went away without taking care of her and her child and at present the child is 3½ years old. Consequently, the complainant requested the police to take necessary action, and based on her complaint, a case was registered for the alleged offences. The petitioner was remanded to judicial custody on 26.02.2026.

3. Heard Sri Kiran Palakurthi, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations and has

been falsely implicated in the case and that the relationship between the petitioner and the *de-facto* complainant was consensual, and that there was no promise of marriage, therefore, the offence alleged under Section 69 of the BNS is not attracted. He further submitted that the complaint was lodged after an unexplained delay of more than 3½ years and that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 26.02.2026 and that the crucial part of the investigation has already been completed. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the victim, being an orphan without family support, was exploited by the petitioner under the false belief that he would marry her. The victim is now the mother of a 3½ year old child, and the investigation is still in progress. Therefore, prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner has been in judicial

custody since 26.02.2026. As per the remand case diary, prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 10, including the investigating authority, have already been examined. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, the relationship between the parties and the duration of incarceration, 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 IV Additional Metropolitan Magistrate-cum-IV Additional Junior Civil Judge at L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.
- 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 petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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