

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4156 of 2026

DATE : 30.03.2026

Between :

Kasarla Rajender

... Petitioner/A.1

And

The State of Telangana,
Through the DSP, ACB,
Karimnagar Police,
Rep., by its Spl. Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana
At Hyderabad,

... Respondent/Complainant

: ORDER :

This criminal petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/A.1 seeking his enlargement on bail in connection with FIR No.01/RCT-ACB-NR/2026 of ACB Karimnagar Police Station. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 7 (a) and 12 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1968.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 20.02.2026, on instruction of ACB officials, the defacto complainant met the Private Document writer to complete the land registration process. For which he demanded Rs.35,000/- and requested him to meet the the Sub Registrar, Manthani/SO-1. On his request, SO-2, has taken him to SO-1 and he demanded Rs.35,000/- for completion of registration process, for which Rs.17,100/- towards challan fee, Rs,2,900/- towards documentation and Rs.15,000/- as bribe additionally. On preliminary enquiry, petitioner herein was caught by the officials of the ACB red-handedly and they registered a case for the aforesaid offences.

3. Heard Sri C. Hari Preeth, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri T. Bala Mohan Reddy, learned Standing Counsel for ACB SPL PP TS appearing for respondent.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and he was falsely implicated in this case. There are no enquiries pending on the petitioner to constitute any of the offences of demand of bribe. Petitioner is in jail since 21.02.2026 and the material part of the

entire investigation is completed. As such, his custodial interrogation is not required anymore. The petitioner undertakes to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, prayed this Court to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Standing Counsel filed counter stating that if the petitioner herein is granted bail there is every chance of threatening the witnesses and influence the witnesses. The petitioner herein was caught hold by the officials red-handedly and investigation is not yet completed. The petitioner is not entitled for bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Considering the submissions made and the material on record, petitioner is in jail from 21.02.2026. The respondent authorities informed the Court that Section 183 of BNS statement of the defacto complainant was recorded on 28.03.2026. As seen from the record material part of the investigation is completed. Considering the period of incarceration of petitioner in jail, this Court deems it appropriate to grant regular bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner 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 Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases at Karimnagar.

ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO between 09.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m., on every Wednesday 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 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 483(2) of the BNSS.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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