

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4863 of 2026

DATE : 09.04.2026

Between:

Potragalla Charan.

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

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

...Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioner who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.69 of 2026 of Karkhana Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 137(2), 64(2)(m) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (for short 'BNS') and Section 5(1) r/w 6 of POCSO Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 02.03.2026, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report before the police stating that the daughter of the de-facto complainant is missing. De-facto complainant suspected the petitioner herein stating that earlier also the petitioner contacted with the victim and the victim is missing as on the date of the incident. Hence, the complainant requested to take necessary action. Based on the said complaint, the police registered the case against the petitioner for Section 137(2) of the BNS and after conducting investigation, registered the case for the aforementioned offences.

3. Heard Sri Akkam Eshwar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in jail since 10.03.2026 and that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations. It is further submitted that there is no such document collected by the investigating authority to show that as on the date of

incident, the petitioner is in contact with the victim. Mere love affair between the parties is not a reason for the disappearance of the victim. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Addl. Public Prosecutor opposing the petition stating that the alleged offences are heinous and grievous in nature and the material part of the investigation is not yet completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the 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 petitioner is in jail from 10.03.2026 and as seen from the record LW1 to LW13 were examined including the statement of the victim. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration and also considering the statement of the victim, 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 XI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Secunderabad.
- 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 applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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