

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4376 of 2026

DATE: 01.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Sama Raj Kumar @ Sama Raju Kumar

..... Petitioner/A.1

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana,
Through SHO, Veenavanka Police Station,
Karimnagar District

..... Respondent/de-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 are arrayed as accused No. 1 in Crime No.81 of 2026 before the Veenavanka Police Station, Karimnagar District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 69 and 79 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the *de facto* complainant, lodged a report before the police on 22-03-2026 stating that earlier, accused No.2 had sexually exploited her by falsely promising to marry her, for which she had already filed a case. Later, petitioner, who was a friend of accused No.2, became acquainted with her and spoke deceitful words, saying that he knew everything that had happened with accused No.2 and that he would marry her. Believing his words, she was sexually exploited by him as well, and on several occasions they took close photographs together. Keeping their closeness in mind, the accused A-2, posted those intimate photographs in the WhatsApp group, thereby insulting her modesty. When the complainant asked A-1, to marry her, he refused and claimed he had no connection with her. Hence, requested the police to take necessary action. Based on this report, the police registered a case against the accused for the above-mentioned offences.

3. Heard Sri M. Ajay Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, and Sri E. Ganesh, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent–State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations made against him and that the entire set of allegations pertains only to accused No.2. He further submitted that the *de-facto* complainant is a habitual complainant who has filed several cases against accused No.2 solely with an intention to extract money from him. He further submitted that the complainant had earlier filed a case against accused No.2, and a false case has been foisted against the petitioner and that the petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed that this Court grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing the present Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are severe and grave in nature, and that the investigation is at a nascent stage and that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary for effective investigation. Accordingly, he prayed for dismissal of the Criminal Petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is

observed that the petitioner is arrayed as accused No.1. The averments in the report itself show that the *de facto* complainant had previously lodged a report against accused No.2 with similar allegations. Considering the nature of allegations against the petitioner and also noting that no specific date or time of the alleged incident has been mentioned by the complainant, 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, Veenavanka Police Station, Karimnagar 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/- with two sureties, for the lipke 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 Wednesday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m. 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.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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