

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4466 of 2026

DATE: 10.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Ramesh Urumandla

..... Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court Judicature for the State
Of Telangana at Hyderabad and another

..... Respondent/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 is arrayed as accused in Crime
No.64 of 2026 before the Raikal Police Station, Jagtial District,
registered for the offences punishable under Sections 324(4),
64(2)(m) and 351(2) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the *de-facto* complainant, a beedi roller, was married about nine years ago and has a son. Her husband moved abroad for employment about one and a half years ago. Around two years ago, the petitioner visited her sister's house to perform a pooja and, during that visit, introduced himself to the complainant and obtained her phone number. He thereafter maintained regular contact, suggested she perform a pooja at her own house, and threatened her with misfortune if she did not comply. On one occasion, when she was alone at home, the petitioner allegedly committed rape and threatened to kill her if she disclosed the incident. Out of fear, she remained silent, and the petitioner is said to have repeatedly committed rape whenever she was alone. The last alleged incident occurred in December 2025 at midnight. The petitioner continued to threaten her and demanded that she meet him at places of his choice. Ultimately, she confided in her family, and with their support, lodged a police complaint after a delay of three months from the last alleged offence. 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 Polampelli Raju, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, and Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned

Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent No.1–State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent, has no criminal record, and has been falsely implicated in this case. He argued that the FIR is a misuse of law, filed after an unexplained delay of more than three months from the last alleged incident in December 2025. He further contended that whatever relationship existed between the parties was consensual, and that the petitioner is willing to cooperate with the investigation. He further submitted that the charge of criminal intimidation under Section 324(4) BNS is vague and appears to have been added only to make the case more serious. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing the present Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, 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 evident that the petitioner is arrayed as accused. The main contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that there is a delay of more than three months in lodging the report. Considering the unexplained delay, the relationship between the parties, and the nature of the accusation, 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, Raikal Police Station, Jagtial 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 like 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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