

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5054 of 2026

DATE: 22.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Kudali Anji @ Kudali Harshavardhan

.....petitioner/accused No.7

And

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

.....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 No.7 in Crime No.109 of 2026 before the Sircilla

Police Station, Rajanna Sircilla District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 109(1) read with 190 of BNS and Sections 3(1)(r)(s), 3(2)(v) of SCs/STs (POA) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on the night of 27.02.2026, the son of the de facto complainant, namely Akunuri Kalyan, after going out with his friends, was allegedly attacked near Jenda Chowrasta, B.Y. Nagar, Sircilla by Accused No.1 and others due to previous enmity. It is alleged that the accused abused him by referring to his caste name and assaulted him with fists, stones, and a slab, causing severe injuries. He was thereafter shifted to Government General Hospital, Sircilla. Based on the complaint lodged by his mother on 28.02.2026.

3. Heard Sri S. Surender Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated due to previous disputes and there was abnormal delay in lodging the complaint, which creates doubt about the prosecution case and that there were no specific overt acts or clear allegations against the petitioner in the complaint, FIR, or remand report, and even his presence at the scene of offence was not specifically mentioned. He further submitted that the allegations do not constitute the offences alleged against the petitioner, that he is a minor and a student. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and submitted that the petitioner was specifically named as one of the assailants who, along with the other accused, formed an unlawful group and attacked the injured victim, causing grievous injuries. He contended that the offences alleged are serious in nature, including caste-based abuse and physical assault, and the investigation was still in progress. Therefore, considering the gravity of the allegations and the need for effective investigation, the petitioner was not

entitled to the discretionary relief of anticipatory bail. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both sides and on perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the allegations in the complaint are that the injured was attacked by a group of persons due to previous enmity and sustained injuries. The main allegation against the petitioner/accused No.7 is that he was one among the persons said to have participated in the incident. As seen from the record, no specific overt act has been attributed to the petitioner in the complaint, and the allegations against him are general in nature. It is also noticed that the petitioner is stated to be a student. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, and particularly having regard to the fact that the petitioner is a student, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Sircilla Police Station, Rajanna Sircilla 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/-, each 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 the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier 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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