

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5746 of 2026

DATE: 21.04.2026

Between:

Penmetsa Hari Krishna Varma @ Johny Raj
...Petitioner/accused

AND

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

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioner who is arrayed as accused in FIR No.239 of 2026 of KPHB Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 140(2), 308, 204 r/w 3(5) of the BNS.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 14.02.2026, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that the de-facto complainant is aged about 65 years and is working as finance manager with accused No.1. On 9-1-2026 at about 8.30 a.m. near Prasad Hospital, Road No, 1 KPHB colony the complainant moved towards main road and near Pulla Reddy sweets, the accused pushed the defacto complainant into Scorpio vehicle and they seized the phone and Activa scooter with the help of fake police personal and roamed around Hi-Tech City and other places. They brought the defacto complainant to Alluri Trade Centre in the office of one V.Sivaramaraju who is a real estate dealer and they manhandled the defacto complainant badly with a rubber bats and other material on legs, foot and hands. Further they demanded Rs.15 lahks, if the defacto complainant did not pay them they will put drugs in a Activa Scooter of the defacto complainant and her daughter who is a Doctor. Since she is unmarried and worried, they spoil my daughter's life. Therefore the defacto complainant paid Rs.15 lakhs by borrowing from friends and relatives. On 9-1-2026, A-1 and others collected statements on white papers about the company Srinivasa Civil Works Pvt. Ltd., where the defacto complainant was working as finance manager. On 9-1-2026 evening they have taken the

defacto complainant to Dwaleshwaram, Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh and reached midnight at about 2.00 a.m., and kept in a house and A-1 taken sometime which Mr Alluri Venkata Satyanarayana Raju taken some time back on rent at Dowleswaram. They demanded immediate payment of Rs. 15.00 lakhs. Later they took him via Ravulapalem and brought to Hyderabad on 11-01-2026 at around 10:30 AM and again he was taken to same office of V.Sivarama Raju where they have taken signatures from him regarding search operation at his house and showed him release letter and confession statement that he will pay Rs.15.00 lakhs and this amount is for surety for P.Ramachandra Raju, P.Ravikumar and P.Chandravathi. Further they have taken cash Rs. 1.00 lakh from complainant's brother-in-law and paid them and they have taken a letter and cheques for Rs. 10.00 lakhs. Hence, the complainant requested to take necessary action. Basing on the same, the police registered a case for the above said offences.

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

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and in fact the name of the petitioner herein is not mentioned by the de-facto complainant and his name is not reflected in the FIR and he was also taken to the judicial custody on 17.02.2026 and the custody petition of the petitioner is allowed and the entire investigation is already completed. It is further submitted that the allegations are only with previous disputes and the de-facto complainant has lodged a false complaint and falsely implicated the petitioner herein in the present case. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to him by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations against the petitioner herein are serious in nature. Further, the investigation is not yet completed. However, the investigation is required in this case, as the alleged offence is punishable with death and life imprisonment, as such, the petitioner is not entitled for the bail. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal 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 herein is in jail since 17.02.2026 and as seen from the record, the material part of the investigation was already completed. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 10 including the investigating authority have already been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant 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 learned XV Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District.
- ii. The petitioner 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 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.

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