

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6449 of 2026

DATE: 28.04.2026

Between:

Shaik Imran

.... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

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

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.60 of 2026 of Masab Tank Police Station, Hyderabad District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 78(2) of the BNS and Section 12 of the POCSO Act.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 14.03.2026, the de-facto complainant, who is the mother of the victim, lodged a complaint before the police stating that, on 13-03-2026 at

around 19.30 hrs to 20.00 hrs in between she sent her daughter to the Kirana General Store to bring groceries items, in the meantime, the petitioner herein came on two wheeler Activa bike and teased her daughter by asking her as "Come I will drop you at home" then she refused to go so and followed her way but the petitioner was followed her daughter and made her tease, this thing was observed by one of her neighbor named Salman and he informed her about the thing happened towards her daughter. 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 Mohd. Muzafferullah Khan, 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 he is in jail since 28.03.2026 and the material part of the investigation is already completed and the alleged offences are punishable below three years only, even though the petitioner herein was sent before the concerned police authority. 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 and heinous in nature. It is further submitted that the victim is minor and aged about 14 years, as such, he is not entitled for 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 28.03.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 9 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.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge for Trial of Cases under Protection of

Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO)-
Cum-XII Additional Sessions Judge,
Hyderabad.

- 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.

K. SUJANA, J

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