

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6504 of 2026

DATE: 05.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Pidamrthi Shobha @ Mounika

.....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.197 of 2025 before the Suryapet II

Town Police Station, Suryapet District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 105, 90 of BNS, 5(3), 5(2) MTPA, 23(1),(3) of PNDTA.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the case arises from a complaint alleging that an illegal abortion was conducted in an unregistered private facility at Suryapet, resulting in the death of a five-month pregnant woman on 18.05.2025 due to complications. It is alleged that the abortion was arranged through certain individuals after illegal sex determination of the fetus and was performed by unqualified persons. Based on the complaint, a case in Crime No.197 of 2025 was registered for offences under Sections 105 and 90 of BNS, provisions of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, and the PCPNDT Act. The petitioner is arrayed as Accused No.7.

3. Heard Sri B. Arjun Rao, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has been falsely implicated without any specific allegations or role attributed to him and that the case is based on hearsay and assumptions and that the complaint does not disclose the essential ingredients of the alleged offences against the petitioner and that he is no way connected with the alleged incident. The petitioner is a law-abiding citizen with no criminal antecedents and is willing to cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the case involves serious offences relating to illegal abortion, sex determination, and death of a pregnant woman, which require thorough investigation and that multiple persons are involved in the offence and the role of each accused, including the petitioner, is being investigated. Considering the gravity of the offence and the stage of investigation, grant of anticipatory bail at this stage may hamper the investigation. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is not attributed with any specific overt act in the commission of the alleged offence and her involvement is based on general and vague allegations. The main allegation against the petitioner is that she is one among the persons allegedly connected with the illegal abortion conducted at an unregistered facility, which resulted in the death of the deceased. As seen from the record, the investigation is still in progress and no direct material is placed to show the specific role of the petitioner or the necessity of custodial interrogation at this stage. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, 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, Suryapet II Town Police Station, Suryapet District, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release her 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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