

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7197 of 2026

DATE: 06.05.2026

Between:

Komal Choudhary and another

...Petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2

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 petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.1 and 2 in FIR No.264 of 2026 of Malkajgiri Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 318(2), 127(2), 352, 75, 308(2), 309(4), 140(3), 143(1)(c) r/w 3(5) of the BNS.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 30.03.2026, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that, on 02.03.2026, the complainant came into contact with A.1 through Instagram, who tempted her with the promise of a good job and better lifestyle. Acting on his advice, the complainant travelled by flight (tickets arranged by Komal Chaudhary) and reached Hyderabad on 03.03.2026 at about 01:15 hrs. Upon arrival, she was received by A.2, who took her to a house located at 17-28/3, Jyoti Nagar, Hanumanpet, Malkajgiri. The complainant had brought with her gold jewellery weighing approximately 140 grams and silver jewellery weighing about 1 kg. After reaching the said location, A.2 and his brother Ishaan Agarwal and others, forcibly took away all her jewellery and cash. Thereafter, they confined her, did not allow her to go anywhere alone, and took away her mobile phone. They also threatened her and her family members and falsely stated that her marriage had been arranged and she would not be allowed to return home. During her confinement, the accused persons, and others, repeatedly misbehaved with her and subjected her to physical and sexual assault against her will. They threatened to kill her if she resisted. The accused also forced her to change her Aadhaar address and mobile number under threat of releasing objectionable videos. Due to fear, she complied. On the night of 26.03.2026, she managed to secretly contact her uncle using a phone available at the house and informed him about her

situation. Then her uncle reached the location on 27th March 2026 and rescued her. Hence, the complainant requested to take necessary action. Basing on the said complaint, the police registered a case for the above said offences.

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

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent of the said allegations and they were falsely implicated in the present case and in fact, at request of the de-facto complainant, A.1 took the ticket to her, as she was not willing to marry the person with whom she was engaged and she also lived in the residence of the petitioners herein. It is further submitted that they are in jail since 01.04.2026 and the material part of the investigation was already completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to them by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners stating that the allegations against the petitioners herein are serious and heinous in nature. It is further submitted

that the petitioners herein confined the de-facto complainant and took away all her jewellery and cash. Further, the investigation is at the initial stage, as such, the petitioners are 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 petitioners herein are in jail since 01.04.2026 and the material part of the investigation is already completed. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 12 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 petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners 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 Principal Junior Civil Judge-cum-Metropolitan Magistrate,

Medchal-Malkajgiri District, at
Kushaiguda.

- ii. The petitioners 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 petitioners 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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