

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE E.V. VENUGOPAL

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 7481 of 2026

DATE: 14.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Chilukuri Pavan Kumar

.....petitioner/accused No.2

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.2 in Crime No.422 of 2026 before the Madhapur

Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 143, 144 of BNS and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of PIT Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 13.03.2026, upon receiving credible information regarding prostitution activities being conducted under the guise of a spa at “The Glam Factor Beauty and Wellness Spa,” Ayyappa Society, Madhapur, the police conducted a raid after obtaining permission from the ACP, Madhapur Division. During the raid, the police allegedly found Accused No.1 managing the premises and apprehended one customer and certain women allegedly involved in prostitution activities. Cash, mobile phones, scanners, a swiping machine and other material objects were seized from the premises. On the basis of the said allegations, Crime No.422 of 2026 was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 143 and 144 of BNS and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act. The petitioner herein was arrayed as Accused No.2 on the allegation that he was associated with the management of the spa.

3. Heard Sri V. Rajeshwara Rao, 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 not present at the scene of offence and there are no specific overt acts attributed against him in the FIR or investigation material and that the petitioner was only involved in purchasing salon equipment for the spa as a former agent and thereafter had no connection whatsoever with the alleged activities. He further submitted that the investigation is substantially completed, no incriminating material was collected against the petitioner, and Accused No.1 has already been enlarged on bail. 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 contending that the investigation revealed that prostitution activities were being carried on under the guise of a spa and that the petitioner was involved along with Accused

No.1 in running the establishment and that the allegations are serious in nature and that the role of the petitioner is required to be thoroughly investigated. Therefore, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise. 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 perusal of the material available on record, it *prima facie* appears that the petitioner was not present at the scene of offence at the time of the raid and no specific overt acts have been attributed against him except the allegation that he had earlier assisted in procuring certain salon equipment for the spa premises. The investigation material placed before this Court does not disclose any direct evidence showing the active participation of the petitioner in the alleged prostitution activities. Further, the investigation appears to be substantially completed and Accused No.1 has already been enlarged on bail. Having regard to the limited role attributed to the petitioner, and in the absence of any material indicating his active involvement in the alleged

offences, 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, Madhapur Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, 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.20,000/-, 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 Monday 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.
- iv. The petitioner shall surrender his passport, if any, before the concerned Court.

- v. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly contact, threaten, induce, or influence the de facto complainant or any of the prosecution witnesses.
- vi. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in accordance with law.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

E.V. VENUGOPAL, J

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