

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7908 of 2026

DATE: 29.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Banoth Anil Kumar.

.... Petitioner/accused

AND

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

.... Respondent

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 in Crime No.87 of 2026 of Tekulapalli Police Station, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 417 and 376 of the IPC.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 06.05.2026, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that the accused, Banoth Anil Kumar, developed acquaintance and love with her during her Intermediate studies in the year 2021 and promised to marry her. Believing his promise, she consented to physical relations with him on several occasions at different places including Billudu Thanda, Khammam, and Hyderabad. The accused continued the relationship for about two years while staying with the complainant and repeatedly assured her of marriage. Later, when the complainant's parents approached the accused for marriage proposals, he allegedly demanded Rs.50,00,000/- as dowry and refused to marry her stating that other alliances were offering higher dowry. The accused also allegedly insulted the complainant, cheated her in the name of marriage, and tore away her nursing certificates. Hence, the complainant requested the police for necessary action. Basing on the said complainant, the police registered the said case against the petitioner for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri Kongala Mohan Goud, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner herein is innocent of the said allegations and whatever the relationship between the parties is consensual in nature. It is further submitted that the alleged demand of Rs.50,00,000/- dowry was made as their relationship did not culminate into marriage. It is further submitted that the petitioner and the complainant willingly agreed to live together from 2023 to 2025. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready to cooperate with the investigating authority. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner stating that the allegations against

the petitioner herein are serious and heinous in nature and the investigation is not yet completed and prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and on a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the relationship between the parties is consensual in nature. The allegations arise out of a relationship between the parties, the nature and extent of which are matters to be examined during investigation and trial. The material does not indicate that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is indispensable. Further, the petitioner has expressed willingness to cooperate with the investigation. 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,
Tekulapalli Police Station, Bhadradi
Kothagudem District, 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties, for a like sum each.

- ii. 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 8 weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. 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.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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