

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE T. MADHAVI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7929 of 2026

DATE: 21.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Gunturu Phani RajaShekar @ Raja

.....Petitioner/Accused

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 Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.217 of 2026 before the Nagole Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 69 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the de facto complainant lodged a complaint before Nagole Police Station alleging that she had been acquainted with the petitioner for the past eleven (11) years and both of them were living together during the said period and that the petitioner continuously promised to marry her and on that pretext maintained a physical relationship with her and that recently the

petitioner started avoiding the complainant and ultimately refused to marry her. Unable to bear the said conduct, the complainant allegedly consumed Cetirizine tablets on 08.04.2026 in an attempt to harm herself and thereafter informed one Harish and Nagole Police Station.

3. Heard Sri Muddala Mahesh, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated due to personal disputes and misunderstandings between the parties and that even as per the complaint averments, the petitioner and the *de facto* complainant were in a consensual relationship and living together voluntarily for the past eleven (11) years. He further submitted that the allegations arise out of a failed personal relationship and the essential ingredients of the offence under Section 69 of BNS are not attracted. It is also submitted that the investigation is substantially completed and material witnesses have already been examined and the petitioner is in judicial custody since 26.04.2026. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the bail application contending that there are specific allegations against the petitioner that

he maintained a physical relationship with the de facto complainant on the promise of marriage and later refused to marry her, due to which the complainant attempted to harm herself. He submitted that the allegations disclose the commission of the offence under Section 69 of BNS and the investigation is in progress. 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 allegations arise out of a long-standing personal relationship between the petitioner and the de facto complainant. Further, prima facie, the relationship between the petitioner and the de facto complainant appears to be consensual in nature for the past eleven (11) years and the petitioner is in jail since 26.04.2026. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to allow this Criminal Petition, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.50,000/-with two sureties, for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the V Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at L.B.Nagar.
- 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).
- iv. The petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, before the concerned trial Court.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending in this petition, shall stand closed.

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