

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8041 OF 2026

DATE : 29.05.2026

BETWEEN :

Chatamoni Manish.

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

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

...Respondent/complainant.

ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS"), seeking grant of bail to the petitioner/Accused in Crime No.21 of 2026 on the file of Begumpet Police Station, Begumpet Division, registered for the offence punishable under Section 69 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNS").

2. Heard learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing

on behalf of the respondent-State. Perused the material available on record.

3. The allegations levelled against the petitioner are that the *de-facto* complainant came into contact with the petitioner through the Bumble App in July, 2024, in connection with a marriage proposal and, after assuring her that he would marry her, the petitioner allegedly developed physical relationship with her on several occasions. It is further alleged that, believing his promise of marriage, the *de-facto* complainant paid huge amounts of money to the petitioner. However, the petitioner allegedly refused to marry her and failed to return the said amount. Hence, the complaint.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in the present case. It is contended that no specific overt acts are attributed to the petitioner and that the dispute is predominantly civil in nature arising out of monetary transactions between the parties. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any conditions imposed by

this Court. Therefore, learned counsel prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail to the petitioner contending that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is necessary for effective investigation and for collection of the material evidence. It is further contended that, if the petitioner is granted bail, there is every likelihood of his influencing the witnesses and tampering with the evidence. Therefore, he prayed this 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, this Court is of the *prima facie* view that the allegations against the petitioner require thorough investigation and that the overtake attributed to the petitioner is yet to be established during the course of investigation. At this stage, no specific overt acts are attributed to the petitioner warranting further custodial interrogation of the petitioner. Further, the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 04.04.2026. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the view that

continued incarceration of the petitioner is not warranted and that the investigation can be proceeded with while safeguarding the liberty of the petitioner by imposing appropriate conditions. Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i) The petitioner shall be released on bail on his executing 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 learned X Additional Sessions Judge, Hyderabad.
- ii) The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer concerned on every Monday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a period of four (04) weeks or till filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier.
- iii) The petitioner shall furnish his mobile number and shall not leave the Country without prior permission from the trial Court.
- iv) The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.
- v) The petitioner shall not hamper the investigation or tamper with the prosecution witnesses in any manner.

- vi) The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 480(3) of the BNSS.
- vii) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

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

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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