

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8205 of 2026

DATE: 29.06.2026

BETWEEN:

Cherukupalli Akhil

.....petitioner/accused

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused in Crime No.827 of 2026 before the Vanasthalipuram Police Station, Malkajgiri Commissionerate, registered for the offence

punishable under Sections 64 and 78 of BNS and section 3 read with 4 of POCSO Act, 2012.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 01.05.2026 at about 8:20 p.m., the mother of the victim girl lodged a complaint stating that the petitioner/accused, who is a relative of the apartment security guard, had been harassing her minor daughter in the name of love for the past five years. It is alleged that he used to meet and talk to the victim in the absence of her parents, and despite being counselled in the presence of his parents and giving a written undertaking not to contact her again, he continued to write letters and harass the victim. Based on the complaint, Crime No.827 of 2026 was registered by Vanasthalipuram Police Station for the offences punishable under Sections 64 and 78 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 3 and 4 of the POCSO Act, and the petitioner was arrested on 13.05.2026 and remanded to judicial custody.

3. Heard Ch. Rajkumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional 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 and that the original complaint did not contain the serious allegations subsequently introduced during investigation and that the prosecution has made material improvements to strengthen its case. He further submitted that the call detail records reveal that the victim herself contacted the petitioner on the date of the alleged incident, thereby contradicting the prosecution story. He contended that there is no independent or corroborative evidence linking the petitioner to the alleged offences except an inadmissible confession made before the police. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations disclose the commission of serious offences involving a minor victim. He further submitted that the investigation revealed that the petitioner had been persistently harassing the victim despite earlier counselling and a written undertaking not to contact her. At this stage, granting of bail to the petitioner does not arise.

Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 13.05.2026. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 15 witnesses have been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the incarceration period of the petitioner, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the VII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class-cum-VII Metropolitan Magistrate, Ranga Reddy District at Hayathnagar.

- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) week 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).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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