

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8844 OF 2026

DATE : 24.06.2026

Between :

Ahmed Pasha

... Petitioner/A.2

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent/Complainant

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioner praying this Court to enlarge him on bail who is arrayed as accused No.2 in FIR No.127 of 2026 of Chaderghat Police Station, Hyderabad. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 179 and 318(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 31.03.2026 the Branch Manager of Kotak Mahindra Bank, Malakpet, lodged a complaint alleging that ten counterfeit currency notes of Rs.500/-, totaling Rs.5,000/-, were detected in the bank's Cash Recycler Machine (CRM). During verification, it was found that the notes were allegedly deposited on 27.03.2026 into the account of the petitioner. On being contacted, the account holder stated that the deposit had been made by his friend. Based on the complaint, the present Crime is registered for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri D.Sudharshan, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the allegations against the petitioner are based solely on bank records showing deposit of amount into his account and that there is no allegation that he manufactured, circulated, or knowingly possessed counterfeit currency. It is submitted that the prosecution itself alleges that the amount was deposited by another person and, therefore, the question of petitioner's knowledge or involvement can be determined only during trial.

The learned counsel further argued that no counterfeit currency was recovered from the personal possession of petitioner and that the case is primarily based on documentary, banking, electronic, and forensic evidence already in the custody of the investigating agency. It is also contended that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 13.04.2026, that custodial interrogation is no longer required, and that there is an inconsistency regarding the petitioner's description as Accused No.1 in the FIR and Accused No.2 in the remand report. Further most of the investigation is completed. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending that petitioner actively participated in the commission of offence and knowingly procured counterfeit currency through social media platforms in order to cause wrongful loss to the bank and public. As such, petitioner is not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, as well as the material placed on record, the

petitioner is in jail from 13.04.2026 and that the counterfeit currency was seized and Lws.1 to 13 are examined. Considering the period of incarceration of petitioner in jail and the progress in investigation, 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) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the VIII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO between 09.00 a.m and 5.00 p.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 483(2) of the BNSS.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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