

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8903 of 2026

DATE: 22.06.2026

BETWEEN:

Banoth Gopi.

.....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.731 of 2026 on the file of KPHB Police Station, registered for offence under Section 69 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner/accused is seeking bail in Crime No.731 of 2026 of KPHB Police Station,

registered for the offence punishable under Section 69 of the BNS. The allegation against the petitioner is that he developed a relationship with the de facto complainant on the promise of marriage and had sexual relations with her, but later refused to marry her.

3. Heard Sri G. Narahari, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He contended that the parties were in a consensual relationship for about one year and that the complaint was lodged only after the complainant came to know about the proposed marriage of the petitioner. It is further submitted that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, has cooperated with the investigation, and that his continued detention is not necessary as substantial investigation has already been completed.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions of the learned counsel for the petitioner and submitted that the allegations are serious in nature and that the petitioner is not entitled to bail.

5. Having regard to the rival submissions made and on perusal of the material available on record, it is noticed that the parties were admittedly acquainted with each other and remained in a relationship for a considerable period. The petitioner has been in judicial custody since 11.06.2026. The investigation has substantially progressed and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is no longer required. The questions as to the nature of the relationship and the veracity of the allegations are matters to be decided during trial. Therefore, 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 IV AJCJ CUM XV AJMFC, at Kukatpally, Medchal Malkajgiri District.

- 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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