

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9423 OF 2026

DATE : 30.06.2026

Between :

A.R.Hemanth Babu @ Sanju
S/o.Ramakrishna.

...Petitioner/
Accused

And

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

... Respondent
Complainant

O R D E R

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused seeking to enlarge him on bail in connection with Crime No.907 of 2026 on the file of Vanasthalipuram Police Station, Malkajgiri Commissionerate. The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable under Sections 137 (2) and 64 of the BNS, Section 3 read with 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. (for short, POCSO) Act

2. The case of the prosecution is that the *de facto* complainant lodged a report before police on 13.05.2026, wherein it is stated that her elder daughter/victim, aged about 17 years was missing from 13.05.2026 midnight after having dinner and as such she requested the police to take necessary action against the complaint. In the said complaint, she suspected that the petitioner is involved in taking away his daughter. Basing on the same, police initially registered a case under Section 137 (2) of the BNS Act. Thereafter, during the course of investigation, the aforesaid Sections were added against the petitioner and took up investigation.

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

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the offences alleged against him; that the petitioner and the victim are majors; the petitioner is aged about 25 years and as per Aadhar card of the victim, she is aged about 18 years, as such, none of the offences attract against the petitioner;

that the respondent-police have not recorded the statement of the victim till date; that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 25.05.2026 and hence, he requested this Court to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and submits that the offences alleged against the petitioners are heinous and grievous in nature; that investigation is not yet completed; that the respondent filed requisition stating that the respondents are going to record the statement of victim under Section 183 of the BNSS Act; that if the petitioner grants bail, there is every chance of tampering the evidence and threatening witnesses and hence, he prays to dismiss the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor, the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 25.05.2026. As seen from the record and statements recorded by police would reveal that the victim herself call the petitioner to take her to hostel. Considering the statement of the victim and nature of allegations against the petitioner and the period of incarceration and progress

in investigation, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner/Accused subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioner-accused shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned VII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class-cum-VII Metropolitan Magistrate, Ranga Reddy District at Hayathnagar.
- (ii) On such release, the petitioner-accused shall appear before the concerned S.H.O. between 09:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m., on every Wednesday 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) After release, the petitioner shall not contact the victim and threaten any of the witnesses.
- (iv) The petitioner-accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437 (3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480 (3) of BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 30.06.2026

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