

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

**WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE T.MADHAVI DEVI

WRIT PETITION NO: 20405 OF 2026

Between:

A. Sandhya, W/o. Kishore, Aged about 29 years, Occ. Branch Manager,
Kosamattam Finance Ltd., KPHB Branch, Hyderabad, Telangana

AND

...PETITIONER

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad.
2. The Director General of Police, Telangana State, Saifabad, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Hyderabad
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jubilee Hills Division, Hyderabad.
5. The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Panjagutta Division, Hyderabad.
6. The Station House Officer, Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad.
7. The Sub-Inspector of Police, Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad
8. K. Srilatha, W/o K. Chandrasekhar, Aged about 38 years, Occ. Business, R/o 8-3-228/22, Rahman Nagar, Yusufguda, Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed therewith, the High Court may be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondent Nos.6 and 7 in repeatedly summoning, detaining and threatening the Petitioner with coercive action in connection with Crime No.384 of 2026 of Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad, and compelling her to execute an undertaking under duress, without following Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the law laid down

in Armesh Kumar Vs. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273, as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent police not to take any coercive steps against the Petitioner except in strict compliance with Section 35(3) BNSS and the guidelines of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, to issue prior written notice if her presence is required for investigation, not to detain her beyond reasonable hours or compel any undertaking/admission of liability, to preserve and produce the CCTV footage of Madhura Nagar Police Station from 09.06.2026 to 12.06.2026.

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 151 CPC praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct Respondent Nos.6 and 7 not to take any coercive steps against the Petitioner in connection with Crime No.384 of 2026 of Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad, except in strict compliance with Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273, pending disposal of the writ petition.

Counsel for the Petitioner: SRI D.SUDHARSHAN

Counsel for the Respondent No.1 to 7: AGP FOR HOME

The Court made the following: ORDER

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

THE HON'BLE SMT.JUSTICE T. MADHAVI DEVI

WRIT PETITION No. 20405 of 2026

DATE: 01.07.2026

Between:

A. Sandhya

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana and 7 others.

...Respondents

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking the following relief:

"...to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction, more particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the action of Respondent Nos.6 and 7 in repeatedly summoning, detaining and threatening the Petitioner with coercive action in connection with Crime No.384 of 2026 of Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad, and compelling her to execute an undertaking under duress, without following Section 35 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the law laid down in Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar, (2014) 8 SCC 273, as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India and consequently direct the Respondent police not to take any coercive steps against the Petitioner except in strict compliance with Section 35(3) BNSS and the guidelines of the Honble Supreme Court, to issue prior written notice if her presence is required for investigation, not to detain her beyond reasonable hours or compel any undertaking/admission of liability, to preserve and produce the CCTV footage of Madhura Nagar Police Station from 09.06.2026 to 12.06.2026, and pass..."

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that one of the customers of Kosamattam Finance Limited had pledged her gold and thereafter upon payment of loan amount, her gold was released to her husband. However, respondent No.8 who had kept the original receipt with herself, has lodged a complaint and therefore, crime in FIR No.384 of 2026 was registered against the petitioner and two others. It is further submitted that the petitioner, being the Branch Manager of Kosamattam Finance Limited, acted only in the discharge of her official duties and has been falsely implicated in Crime No.384 of 2026 and the police are repeatedly visiting the office of the petitioner, threatening the staff, and harassing them.

3. Learned Assistant Government Pleader for Home, appearing for respondents No.1 to 7, has produced a copy of the written instructions received by him, wherein it is stated that, after registering the FIR, the investigation is in progress and the statements of complainant and her husband were already recorded and the statements of other material witnesses are yet to be recorded, and the relevant documentary and electronic evidence is

being collected for a fair and comprehensive investigation. It is denied that there is any illegal harassment by the police.

4. Taking the above facts into consideration, this Court observes that the police have to complete the investigation. For the said purpose, they may visit the office of the petitioner. However, the respondent police are directed to conduct the investigation strictly in accordance with law.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

Miscellaneous applications, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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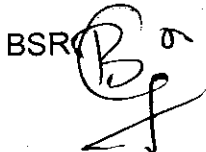
Sd/- P.C.SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Secretary, Home Department, Secretariat, Hyderabad, State of Telangana.
2. The Director General of Police, Telangana State, Saifabad, Hyderabad.
3. The Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, Hyderabad
4. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jubilee Hills Division, Hyderabad.
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6. The Station House Officer, Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad.
7. The Sub-Inspector of Police, Madhura Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad
8. One CC to SRI D.SUDHARSHAN, Advocate [OPUC]
9. Two CCs to GP FOR HOME, High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
10. Two CD Copies

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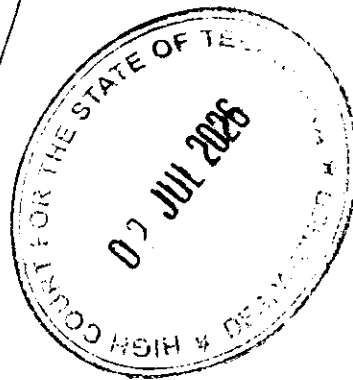
CC TODAY

HIGH COURT

DATED: 01/07/2026

ORDER

WP.No.20405 of 2026



**DISPOSING OF THE WRIT PETITION,
WITHOUT COSTS**

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02/07/26
K.R.