IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 15997 OF 2026

Between:

Manikonda Divya, D/o. M. Shiva Prasad, Aged about 27 years, Occ: Private Employee, R/o. LIG-392, 15-31-392/L, Phase-VII, KPHB Colony, Kukatpally, Tirumalgiri, Hyderabad.

...Petitioners/A-3

AND

The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana, Police Station, CCS, DD, Hyderabad

...Respondents

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to quash the Order dated 9/7/2026 passed in Crl.M.P. No. 64 of 2026 on the file of the Hon'ble session Judge Nampally, Hyderabad in FIR No.166/2025 on the file of PS CCS, DD, Hyderabad.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri R.Abhinav, counsel representing Ms.K.Sai Priya, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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CNR No.: HBHC010646392026

Date: 07.10.2026

Between:

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...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana.

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed by the petitioner, seeking to quash the order dated 09.07.2026 passed in Crl.M.P.No.64 of 2026 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Nampally .

2. Heard Mr.R.Abhinav, learned counsel representing Ms.K.Saipriya, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Jithendar Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle, Ford Endeavour, bearing Registration

No. TS-07-HB-1551. The said vehicle was seized in connection with Crime No. 166 of 2025 of P.S. INSP ADMIN (DD) on 15.12.2025 and, since then, the vehicle has been in the custody of the SHO, P.S. INSP ADMIN (DD). The petitioner was also arrayed as accused in the said crime. The petitioner filed Crl.M.P. No. 64 of 2026 before the learned Sessions Judge, Red Hills, Nampally, Hyderabad, seeking interim custody of the vehicle. The learned Sessions Judge, without properly considering the contentions raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner, erroneously dismissed the said petition on the ground that the investigation was still in progress and at this stage, the petitioner is not entitled to seek interim custody of the vehicle. The impugned order passed by the learned Sessions Judge is contrary to law, especially in respect of the very same crime, the learned Sessions Court granted interim custody of the vehicle in respect of accused No.4. Unless the said vehicle is released, the petitioner will be put to great hardship. The petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and, therefore, requested this Court to release the said vehicle.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner shall furnish sureties and shall give an

undertaking not to alienate the said vehicle in favour of any third party or create any third party interest.

5. Having considered the rival submissions made by the respective parties and upon perusal of the record, it reveals that Ford Endeavour, bearing Registration No. TS-07-HB-1551 was seized in connection with Crime No.166 of 2025 of P.S. INSP ADMIN (DD) on 15.12.2025.

6. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant interim custody of the vehicle, namely, Ford Endeavour, bearing Registration No. TS-07-HB-1551 in favour of the petitioner on her executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge, Red Hills, Nampally, Hyderabad. The petitioner shall also furnish an undertaking that she shall not alienate the said vehicle or change its physical features. The Sub-Inspector of Police, P.S. INSP ADMIN (DD) shall write to the RTA Authority not to transfer the said vehicle in favour of any third party without clearance from the Court. It is needless to state that the petitioner

shall produce the said vehicle before the Investigating Officer or before the concerned Court whenever they are required.

7. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- B. REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The XII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad.
2. Station House Officer, Police Station Central Crime Station, Hyderabad
3. One CC to Ms.K.SAI PRIYA Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 07/10/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.15997 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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15/10/26