IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15548 of 2026

(C.N.R No. HBHC010653482026)

DATED: 01.10.2026

Between:
Smt. Neelam Suhasini … petitioner – Accused

And

The State of Telangana
represented by Public
Prosecutor High Court at Hyd.
Through SHO PS Kesamudram
Mahabubabad District. …Respondent-State

O R D E R

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner – Accused on bail in connection with Crime No.204 of 2026 of P.S. Kesamudram Mahabubabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner – Accused are punishable under Sections 316 (5) 318(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 3 read with 7 of the Essential Commodities Act.

2. Heard Sri K.Venumadhav, learned counsel for the petitioner – accused and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondent – State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that during Rabi season 2022 - 2023 the Civil Supplies Authorities allotted Paddy of 6499.000 MTs to the petitioner - accused rice mill. The Civil Supplies Authorities had not permitted the petitioner - accused to mill and deliver the said Paddy by informing that the Paddy which was allotted for the said season is inferior quality and is not a good quality if it is milled, it will not yield quality of rice as per FAQ norms and it cannot be used for human consumption, the same was continued in the godown and mill premises. Due to misfortune of the petitioner - accused on 10.06.2026, there was a short circuit in the rice mill of the petitioner - accused as a result entire stocks of Paddy as well as the milled rice which was stored got burnt along with the missionary. Petitioner - accused has lodged a report and FIR No.94 of 2023 came to be registered and the police has filed a final report. The Civil Supplies Authorities without issuing any

notice to the petitioner - accused came to the rice mill on 24.08.2026, investigated into regarding the stock Khariff 2023-2024 without properly weighing the Paddy and they made false calculations. Petitioner - accused unable to bear the harassment of the Civil Supplies Authorities filed Writ Petition No. 28199 of 2026 challenging G.O.Ms.No.7 dated 08.05.2026 and its consequential notice dated 21.07.2026 and this Court was pleased to grant interim order directing Civil Supplies Authorities not to take any coercive steps against the petitioner – accused rice mill to overcome the same the present FIR came to be registered. The petitioner - accused is a woman entrepreneur and she is kept in jail for long time (25.08.2026) and prayed to grant bail to the petitioner -accused.

4. Respondent has filed counter and contended that the total shortage during the physical verification is 7885.274 MTs of Paddy and the corporation assessed the financial liability at approximately Rs.21.84 Crores subject to verification and final calculation and prayed to dismiss the petition.

5. V. Narasimha Rao, District Manager, TGSCSCL has lodged a report before P.S. Kesamudram on 24.08.2026. It is stated in the complaint that on verification of the relevant records it was found that there was a total shortage of 7,885.274 MTs of Government Paddy detected during the joint physical verification and its financial liability is approximately Rs. 21.84 Crores. Basing on the said complaint FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner - accused is arrested on 25.08.2026 and was produced before the concerned Magistrate for remand, since then she is in jail.

7. Material filed by the petitioner counsel goes to show that rice mill of the petitioner was got burned due to short circuit on 10.06.2026, she lodged a complaint before PS Kesamudram wherein FIR No. 94 of 2023 is registered under the caption of 'Fire Accident'. Investigating Officer has filed final report to that effect.

8. Petitioner - accused has also filed Writ Petition No. 28199 of 2026 challenging G.O.Ms.No.7 dated 08.05.2026 and its consequential notice dated 21.07.2026 and on

24.08.2026 this Court has granted interim order directing the Civil Supplies Authorities not to take any coercive steps against the rice mill of the petitioner-accused.

9. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent has altogether examined 11 witnesses in support of the case and it appears from the record that major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner - accused further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Therefore, the petitioner – accused is entitled to be enlarged on bail subject to following conditions:

i. The petitioner – accused shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of learned Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Mahabubabad.

ii. The petitioner –accused shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on every Sunday 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 – accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner – accused shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

v. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.

10. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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