IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15573 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010654512026)

DATE: 05.10.2026

BETWEEN:

Yaseen Shareef @ Chotu Bhai

.....Petitioner-Accused No.2

And

The State of Telangana,
Through PS Gandhi Nagar, Secunderabad,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

..Respondent-Complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.2 in connection with FIR No.303 of 2026 of Gandhi Nagar Police Station, Hyderabad District. The offences registered against the petitioner-A2 are punishable under Sections 49, 108 r/w 3(5) of BNS, 2023.

2. Heard Sri S.Prabhakar, learned Senior counsel representing Sri S.Ravi Teja, learned counsel for the petitioner

and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that it is stated in the FIR that deceased-Dodla Yadagiri has filed O.S.No.600 of 2016 before the Telangana State Waqf Tribunal to which the petitioner-A2 is not a party. It is clear that the deceased has no grievance against the petitioner-A2. Petitioner-A2 was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 25.08.2026, since then he is in jail. The Column No.7(5) of the FIR speaks as "Hyderabad TV reporters and all other persons". Petitioner-A2 has no connection with the so called offences as he is only a moazon of Ahle Hadees Mosque, Musheerabad Cross Road, Hyderabad. The duty the petitioner-A2 is to give a call to the faithful worshippers to come for prayers at the mosque and he does not hold any position in the management of the said mosque, he is paid a salary of Rs.12,000/- per month. Petitioner-A2 is willing to abide by the terms and conditions imposed by this Court in the event of grant of bail and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-A2 on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor has filed written instructions of Inspector of Police, Gandhi Nagar, Hyderabad

District wherein he stated that petitioner-A2 along with A1, A3 to A6 consistently obstructed the deceased from obtaining electricity and drainage connection for a shop and also attempted to evict him from the premises, unable to bear the persistent harassment, pressure the deceased has committed suicide by hanging himself from the ceiling fan in his shop. Prior to his death, the deceased recorded a 24-minute selfie video suicide note on his mobile phone wherein he specifically stated that the petitioner-A2, A1, A3 to A6 who are responsible for driving him to take the extreme step.

5. D. Murali Mohan has lodged a report before P.S. Gandhi Nagar on 24.08.2026. It is stated in the complaint that on the above said date his elder brother by name D. Yadagiri went to the shop at about 9:30 A.M. to attend his business. At about 14:00 hours D. Yadagiri asked the worker by name Veerabhadram to go home and bring the lunch. Veerabhadram returned to the shop and found his brother hanging inside the shop with a coconut-fibre rope (coir rope). Due to the harassment, mental torture and agony caused by the Shahid, Chotu Bhai (petitioner herein), Akbar, Iqbal, certain Hyderabad TV reporters, D. Yadagiri has committed suicide. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-A2, A1-Muhammed Majeed Shareef @ Shahed and A4-Syed Iqbal @ Iqbal were arrested on 25.08.2026 at 13:00 hours and were produced before the concerned Magistrate for remand. Since then they are in judicial custody.

7. Remand Case Diary of the petitioner-A2 goes to show that A3-Akbar and A5-Hyderabad TV reporter and others are shown as absconding.

8. A3-Akbar is enlarged on bail by the learned Sessions Court vide Crl.M.P.No.4225 of 2026 dated 28.09.2026 with conditions. A4-Syed Iqbal @ Iqbal and A6 were also enlarged on bail by the learned Sessions Court vide Crl.M.P.No.4351 of 2026 dated 28.09.2026.

9. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent has examined altogether 15 witnesses in support of the case. It is stated in the remand case diary that tension is prevailing between members of the Hindu and Muslim communities. Musheerabad Cross Road and the surrounding localities comprise a mixed community population and highly sensitive from a communal law and order perspective.

10. Record goes to show that major portion of the investigation is completed furthermore petitioner-A2 is in

judicial custody since 25.08.2026 and A3, A4 and A6 were already enlarged on bail by the learned Sessions Court as stated supra. Hence, petitioner-A2 is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-A2 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 the learned Special Judge for Trial of Offences under S.Cs and S.Ts (POA) Act-Cum-VI Additional Sessions Judge, at Secunderabad.

ii. The petitioner-A2 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10 a.m. to 5 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-A2 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner-A2 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

v. It is made clear that if any of the conditions imposed by this Court are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

11. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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