IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15851 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010664032026)

DATE: 07.10.2026

BETWEEN:

Gurunale Pankaj

.....Petitioner-Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
through S.H.O. Abids Road P.S. Hyderabad
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Hyderabad.
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.....Respondent-Complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused in connection with FIR No.262 of 2026 of Abids Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offence punishable under Section 69 of the BNS, 2023.

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

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-accused and the *de facto* complainant came in contact with each other in the month of March, 2026 and they started loving each other, had sexual intercourse in hotel Sriveda Grand formerly Regal hotel and they got married on 18.08.2026 at about 11:00 AM in the same hotel. The relationship between the petitioner-accused and the *de facto* complainant is consensual. Though the petitioner-accused studied up to 10th class, the *de facto* complainant is about to become a graduate, who is very much aware of her own act and the relationship. The mother of the *de facto* complainant is behind the back of the complainant and Section 69 of the BNS does not attract to the present case. Petitioner-accused is remanded to judicial custody on 20.08.2026, since then he is in jail and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that specific overt acts are attributed against the petitioner-accused in the remand case diary.

5. G.Pooja, has lodged a report before P.S., Abids on 18.08.2026. It is stated in the complaint that she was studying B.Com 3rd year at Shyamaladevi Degree College, Barkatpura, Hyderabad. In the month of March 2026, her teacher has introduced G.Pankaj Reddy, who also belongs to Maharashtra, her teacher informed that G.Pankaj Reddy will assist her in

obtaining the scholarship and completing necessary documentation and also provide a job. G.Pankaj Reddy developed friendship and they had sexual intercourse in Regal hotel on many occasions, he also attempted to tie a Mangalsutra around her neck against her willingness. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-accused is arrested on 19.08.2026 and was produced before the concerned Magistrate on 20.08.2026, since then he is in jail. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent has altogether examined 18 witnesses in support of the case.

7. This Court is conscious of the fact that Section 183 BNSS statement of the victim is not yet recorded. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor on instructions submits that Court is nominated to record the statement.

8. Investigation is at the fag end, detaining the petitioner-accused further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Hence, petitioner-accused is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the II Additional Chief

Judicial Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad.

ii. The petitioner-accused 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-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. It is made clear that if any of the above conditions are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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