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: 16545 OF 2026

Between:

Shaik Abdul Yasar Salman, S/o Shaik Abdul Moiz, age 34 yrs, Occ: Business R/o H.No.2-1-2017, Bokkalaguda Adilabad (Adhar Card No537200693530)

...Petitioner/Accused No. 3

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep by its Public Prosecutor High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad. **...Respondent**
2. Mamidi Dathadri, S/o Hanmandlu age 45 yrs Caste Dy Tahsildar (CS) C/o DCSO Nizamabad R/o H.No. 1-2-121/1/6 Srinagar Colony Vinayaka Nagar Nizamabad

...2nd Respondent/Defacto Complainant

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 CCNO 1532 of 2022 on the file of IInd Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Nizamabad of Nizamabad District.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

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 STAY all further proceedings in pursuant to CC No. 1532 of 2022 on the file of IInd AddlJudicial Magistrate of First Class at Nizamabad of Nizamabad District including appearance of the Petitioner.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Somavarapu Satyanarayana, Advocate for the Petitioner and the Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No.1 and of None appeared for the Respondent No. 2.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16545 of 2026
CNR No. :HBHC010691322026

Date: 07.10.2026

Between:
Shaik Abdul Yasar Salman

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana and another

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused No.3 seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.1532 of 2022 on the file of the learned II Additional Magistrate of First Class, at Nizamabad District.

2. Heard Mr.S.Satyanarayana, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1.

3. The specific allegation against the petitioner/accused is that he has procured PDS rice from the beneficiaries at cheaper rate to sell the same for profit and on 30.07.2022, the petitioner was found in possession of 292.75 quintals of PDS rice.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that without there being any complaint from any beneficiary, alleging that the rice was procured deceptively or with a criminal intent and charging the petitioner for prosecution is untenable and improper. The allegations, even taken at his face value cannot be sustained against the petitioner. Further, this Court, in Crl.P.No.5709 of 2019, while considering the same situation, categorically observed that the offences alleged against the petitioners therein could not be continued and accordingly quashed the proceedings. The petitioner is also entitled to the same relief and hence prayed to quash the proceedings against the petitioner.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that as per prosecution, the offences said to have been committed by the petitioner is cheating and violation of Section 7 of the EC Act and requested to pass appropriate orders.

6. Section 7 of the EC Act contemplate that any person contravenes with the production, supply, distribution and trade of essential commodities, is punishable. As per the prosecution, the petitioner has procured PDS rice from the beneficiaries after supply from the dealer.

7. A Coordinate Bench of this Court in Crl.P.No.7227 of 2025 has considered the identical facts and observed that:

> *"There is no averment indicating that the petitioner in any way deceptively induced the beneficiaries to part with the supplied PDS rice or the beneficiary entrusted the PDS rice purchased by them with the petitioner and they dishonestly misappropriated or converted to their own use or used it in violation of a lawful direction or contract. In the absence of essential factors, on the face of prosecution, this Court finds it to be a fit case to exercise the jurisdiction under Section 528 of BNSS, 2023. Thus, continuance of proceedings against the petitioner is abuse of process of law".*

8. The facts and circumstances of the present case also similar to those in the above case and hence, this Court finds it to be a fit case to exercise jurisdiction under Section 528 of BNSS by applying the same analogy and to quash the proceedings against the petitioner herein.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed and the proceedings in C.C.No.1532 of 2022 on the file of the learned II Additional Magistrate of First Class, at Nizamabad District against the petitioner/accused No.3, are hereby quashed.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- B. REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The II Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate at Nizamabad.

2. The Station House Officer, Nizamabad Rural Police Station, Nizamabad District.
3. One CC to Sri Somavarapu Satyanarayana, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 07/10/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.16545 of 2026

ALLOWING THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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