IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16503 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010694382026)

DATE: 26.10.2026

BETWEEN:

C. Venkataramana Naidu

.....Petitioner-Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
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 in connection with FIR No.114 of 2026 of Marredpally Police Station, Malkajgiri District. The offences alleged against the petitioner-accused are punishable under Sections 75(2), 78(2) of BNS, 2023, Sections 7, 8, 11 and 12 of POCSO Act, 2012 and Sections 3(1)(w)(i), 3(1)(w)(ii), 3(2)(Va) of the S.Cs and S.Ts (POA) Act, 1989.

2. Heard Sri DR. Geddada Srinivas, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-accused is a young student aged about 22 years with a promising academic career ahead of him, he has been falsely implicated in the case due to previous enmity between the brother of the alleged victim girl with that of the petitioner-accused. The allegations are vague, omnibus and lack any credible corroboration. Provisions of the POCSO Act and SC/ST (POA) Act have been invoked with a mala fide intention to make the case non-bailable and to harass the petitioner-accused. The petitioner-accused is produced before the concerned Court on regularization of the PT warrant on 20.08.2026, since then he is in jail, entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail.

4. Notice got issued to the mother of the victim girl is served, proof is filed to that effect.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that Section 183 of BNSS statement of the victim girl is recorded on 17.06.2026.

6. Petitioner is shown as A1 in Crime No.156 of 2026 of P.S. Marredpally, Secunderabad and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 12.08.2026. Petitioner-accused has filed Crl.M.P.No.3835 of 2026 in Crime No.156 of 2026 before the learned Sessions Court for grant of regular

bail, the same came to be allowed vide order dated 08.09.2026.

7. Police has filed requisition for issuance of PT warrant before the concerned Court in Crime No.114 of 2026, which was regularized on 20.08.2026 and the petitioner-accused is remanded to judicial custody on the above said date, since then he is in jail.

8. Record goes to show that respondent has examined LWs.1 to 5. The statement of the victim girl under Section 183 of BNSS is recorded on 17.06.2026. Petitioner-accused being a student, statement of the victim is already recorded and it appears from the record that 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional Judicial Magistrate/X Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, at Secunderabad.

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 conditions imposed by this Court 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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