IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17022 of 2026

CNR No.HBHC010714452026

DATED : 02.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Rohan Anurag

... Petitioner-Accused

AND

1. The State of Telangana,
Rep. by the Public Prosecutor

... Respondent No.1-State

2. XXXX (Name mentioned in implead petition)

... Respondent No.2-Complainant

ORDER

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 on bail who is arrayed as accused in connection with Crime No.1078 of 2026 of P.S. Raidurgam, Cyberabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner-accused are punishable under Sections 376(2)(n), 354C, 354D, 506 of IPC and 66E ITA Act-2008.

2. Heard Sri Rajagopallavan Tayi, learned counsel for petitioner-accused, Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1 - State and Sri Bala Krishna Mandapati, learned counsel for respondent No.2 – Complainant.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations in the complaint relate to various alleged incidents commencing from the year 2023. The complainant herself states that she is a colleague of the petitioner-accused, the nature of their association, communications between them and the surrounding circumstances are matters requiring examination during investigation. The alleged incident is of the year 2023, whereas the complaint came to be lodged only on 28.09.2026. The defacto-complainant is married, in spite of it she was in a relationship with the petitioner-accused as both are HR in the same department. The complainant took advantage of the same and lodged a report. Police have already seized the mobile phone of the petitioner-accused along with the SIM card pursuant to the alleged seizure proceedings. The petitioner-accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.09.2026. Earlier bail petition filed by the petitioner-accused before the learned Sessions Court came to

be dismissed on 09.10.2026. Entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS was recorded on 17.10.2026.

5.1. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 2 submits that the messages which are filed along with the bail petition marked from 21A to 77 are taken from an Android phone and photographs from 78 to 85 are taken from an iPhone. Counsel for Respondent No.2-complainant has addressed an email for CCTV footages in FIR No.1078 of 2026 dated 25.10.2026. Respondent No.2-complainant has also lodged a complaint before the concerned for sexual harassment at workplace (ASH Committee) on 15.09.2026 narrating the incidents and also made a representation to the Station House Officer (SHO), Raidurgam Police Station on 27.09.2026 requesting to trace and seize additional devices, storage media and cloud accounts containing her private videos and photographs.

5.2. Learned counsel for Respondent No. 2 further submits that the name of the victim cannot be disclosed as which can lead to identification and become known to the public at large. Investigation is still pending with regard to tracing and seizing

additional devices, storage media and cloud accounts from the petitioner-accused. In support of his contention has relied on the decision in the case of Nipun Saxena and Another Vs. Union of India and Others[1] and prayed to dismiss the petition.

6. Victim has lodged a report before P.S. Raidurgam on 28.09.2026. It is stated in the complaint that the accused - Roshan Anurag sexually, physically and mentally abused her from the year 2023 onwards, holding her intimate photos and videos as a means of control, threatening her to send them to her known persons if she spoke out. In the year 2023, her marriage was under strain and the petitioner-accused gained her trust. On 11.08.2023, after a team party, respondent No.2-complainant has dropped the petitioner-accused at his house, inside his house he gave her a drink, soon after consumption, she felt drowsy, confused and suspected to be drugged. The petitioner-accused took her nude photos and videos of her including of her private parts. On 12.09.2023, the petitioner-accused threatened to send the photographs and videos to her husband. On 27.10.2023, the petitioner-accused threatened her and raped her at his house. On one occasion he urinated on her face and body to humiliate her and pulled her hair. The petitioner-accused also attempted to touch her sexually in a

[1] (2019) 2 SCC 703

conference room and forcibly entered into her car to touch her sexually. The constant abuse destroyed her marital life, which ended in divorce. On 07.01.2026, the petitioner-accused sent her a Google Drive link containing her private photographs and videos. Around May 2026, the petitioner-accused attempted to force sexual favours. On 15.09.2026, she requested the petitioner-accused to stop and keep things professional as she was moving on to remarry. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

7. Petitioner-accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 29.09.2026. Respondent No.1-State has examined altogether 9 witnesses as on the date of remand.

8. Petitioner-accused has filed Crl.M.P.No.624 of 2026 in Crime No.1078 of 2026 of P.S. Raidurgam for grant of regular bail before the District Court, which came to be dismissed *vide* order dated 09.10.2026 on the ground that there is possibility of the petitioner-accused threatening the respondent No.2-complainant or tampering with the evidence.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner-accused has filed WhatsApp chats between the parties. There are no dates in the chats but counsel for the petitioner-accused submits that they are pertaining to the year 2024. Photographs are also filed

showing the petitioner-accused, the complainant and their office colleagues.

10. Respondent No.2-complainant has lodged a report before the ASH Committee about sexual harassment of women at the workplace on 15.09.2026 narrating the facts and events right from 2023.

11. In **Nipun Saxena**[1], Supreme Court observed at paragraph 50.1 which reads as under:

> "50.1. No person can print or publish in any print, electronic, social media, etc. the name of the victim or even in a remote manner disclose any facts which can lead to the identity of the victim being identified and which should make her identity known to the public at large."

12. Learned counsel for Respondent No.2 has filed WhatsApp chats between the respondent No.2-complainant with that of the petitioner-accused showing her name on the left-side portion. Counsel has also filed Bank statement from 01.06.2025 to 31.10.2025 showing that an amount of Rs.5 Lakhs is transferred. A complaint was lodged by respondent No.2-complainant before the Police Station on 27.09.2026 with a request to trace and seize additional devices, storage media and cloud accounts containing her private videos and photographs, also filed a shared folder dated 07.01.2026

wherein accused-Rohan has invited to contribute to the following shared folder.

13. Counsel for the respondent No.2-complainant has sent a Gmail to Kiran Mulakaluri with a request for CCTV footage of 15.09.2026 pertaining to the locations of (1) office lobby (2) inside Lift-D (3) B2 - Lift Lobby (4) Parking B2-Aisle C (5) Parking area-164L and (6) HR Bay.

14. Counsel for Respondent No.2-complainant has filed WhatsApp chat between the petitioner-accused and the respondent No.2-complainant wherein the respondent No.2-complainant gave a reply that “What things? Anything more to blackmail me about? You have his number, you can talk to him."

15. At one breath, counsel for Respondent No. 2 submits that the victim's name cannot be disclosed and pointed out the WhatsApp messages filed by the petitioner-accused. However, counsel for Respondent No.2 himself has filed WhatsApp chats of the respondent No.2-complainant with that of the petitioner-accused showing her name.

16. WhatsApp chats filed by the petitioner-accused are in a bail petition, it cannot be said that her identity is known to the

public at large. Furthermore, the implead application filed by the respondent No.2-complainant also discloses her name.

17. Respondent No.1-State has already examined 9 witnesses in support of the case. Furthermore, Section 183 of BNSS statement of the victim is recorded on 17.10.2026 after the dismissal of the earlier bail petition filed by the petitioner-accused before the District Court on 09.10.2026.

18. The record goes to show that major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-accused further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Hence, petitioner-accused is entitled for grant of 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 learned X Additional District and Sessions Judge, at Rajendra Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.

ii. The petitioner-accused shall appear before the concerned SHO in between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., on every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 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 not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

iv. The petitioner-accused shall surrender his pass-port before the learned trial Court.

v. The petitioner-accused shall not leave Hyderabad without leave of the learned trial Court.

vi. The petitioner-accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

vii. 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.

19. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

2nd NOVEMBER, 2026
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