IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17066 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010715812026)

DATED 11.11.2026

Between:

Pamulapati Gopi Reddy

..Petitioner-accused

And

1.The State of Telangana
2.The Station House Officer

... Respondents-complainants

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1. This Memorandum of 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 are arrayed as accused in connection with Crime No.880 of 2026 of Jeedimetla Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate. The offences alleged against the petitioner-accused are punishable under Sections 64(1), 74 and 78 of BNS.

2. Heard Sri Kandi Abhinav Mahender Reddy, learned counsel for petitioner, and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-accused is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. There is a delay in lodging the complaint particularly when the alleged victim continue to work in the same office and no complaint was made before the employer of sexual harassment at the work place. Petitioner-accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.09.2026. Bail application filed by the petitioner-accused before the learned Sessions Court came to be dismissed on 30.09.2026. Entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that Section 183 of BNSS statement of the victim is not yet recorded and he has produced the certificate captioned as “To whomsoever it may concern” dated 15.09.2026 wherein it is stated that Psychiatrist treatment has been initiated recently and it takes time for the treatment.

5. Notice got issued to the complainant is served, proof is filed to that effect.

6. Victim mother has lodged the complaint before P.S. Jeedimetla on 14.09.2026. It is stated in the complaint that her daughter is aged about 29 years and has been working in ACME Toolings company situated in Shaurnagar as Store Manager for the

last 4 years. For the last 4-5 days she noticed that there was some change in her behavior and attitude, she is maintaining silence and talking herself, her daughter has informed her that for the last one year one Gopi, who is working as Assistant under her in the said company induced her that he likes her and started harassing her and following her, further he has been following her wherever she go in the office and even when she goes to Wash room, he follows her and tried to catch her and misbehaving with her and he has been trying to become close to her, due to fear of the said Gopi, she could not inform to anybody about the attitude of the said Gopi. About 6 months back, Gopi took her daughter to HMT jungle area on the pretext of talking, though she refused and against her will he misbehaved with her and touched her private parts with his hands and though she refused, he pressed her chest and committed sexual harassment and he forced and threatened her to touch his private part, at the same time on hearing the siren of the Police patrolling vehicle, he escaped from there. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

7. Petitioner-accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.09.2026. As on date 56 days are over. Respondent has altogether examined 12 witnesses.

8. This Court is conscious of the fact that statement of the victim under Section 183 of BNSS is yet to be recorded as she is unwell.

9. Petitioner-accused has filed Crl.M.P.No.474 of 2026 for grant of bail before the learned Sessions Court, the same came to be dismissed vide order dated 30.09.2026 with an observation that, if the petitioner is released on bail, he would tamper the evidence and threaten the witnesses.

10. Record goes to show that major portion of the investigation is completed except recording the statement of the victim under Section 183 of BNSS. Petitioner-accused has made out a case for grant of bail. 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.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal-Malkajgiri, at Medchal.

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.

11. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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