IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17320 of 2026

(C.N.R No. HBHC010722382026)

DATED: 03.11.2026

Between:
Islavath Nagendra Babu ... Petitioner – Accused

And

The State of Telangana
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad. ... Respondent-State

O R D E R

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-accused on bail in connection with Crime No.1232 of 2026 of PS L.B.Nagar, Malkajgiri. The offences alleged against the petitioner-accused are punishable under Sections 69 and 89 of the BNS.

2. Heard Sri Ch.Rajkumar, learned counsel for petitioner-accused and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that prosecution case is primarily based upon the allegations of the prosecutrix regarding relationship between the petitioner – accused and the

victim. Prosecution itself states that the parties were acquainted with each other and that they were in contact over a considerable period of time. There are material inconsistencies in the prosecution case. The complaint refers to the incident occurred on 01.01.2025 and the alleged confession reproduced in the remand report refers the parties going to the hotel on 01.01.2024. Petitioner – accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.09.2026. Bail application filed before the District and Session Judge vide Crl.M.P.No.1596 of 2026 came to be dismissed vide order dated 12.10.2026. Entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner – accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that prosecution has made an application before concerned Court on 10.10.2026 to record the statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS, so far statement of the victim is not recorded.

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

6. Victim has lodged a report before P.S. L.B.Nagar on 17.09.2026, wherein she stated that her relationship with I.Nagendra Babu began as a friend, on 01.01.2025 during New Year celebrations the petitioner-accused took her to OYO hotel in Sagar Ring Road, L.B.Nagar and forcibly engaged in sexual relations with her against her will. During that time he secretly

took photographs and videos of her without her knowledge. He made a false promise that he is going to marry her, but he did not keep up his promise, blackmailing her using photos and videos. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered under Sections 69 and 89 of the BNS.

7. Petitioner – accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.09.2026, since then he is in jail.

8. Respondent has altogether examined eight (8) witnesses in support of the prosecution case.

9. This Court is conscious of the fact that prosecution has made an application before the concerned Court to record the statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS. It is to be noted here that application came to be filed by the prosecution is on 10.10.2026, so far statement of the victim is not recorded.

10. Record goes to show that major portion of the investigation is completed except recording statement of the victim under Section 183 of the BNSS. This Court of the view that the petitioner – accused has made out a case for grant of bail in view of the fact the victim and the petitioner-accused were in relationship since 01.01.2025. Hence, the petitioner – accused is entitled to be enlarged on bail subject to following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned II Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class-cum-II Metropolitan Magistrate, Ranga Reddy District, L.B.Nagar.

ii. The petitioner- accused shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of 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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