IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

MONDAY, THE TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 17625 OF 2026

Between:

MD NAWAZ, S/o Razzaq, aged about 37 years, Occ. Business, R/o Plot No. 36, Vade-E-Mahmood, Dairy Farm Road, Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District.

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

1. **The State of Telangana**, Represented by its Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad.
2. K. Ravi, Sub- Inspector of Police. P.S. Mailardevpally, Cyberabad

...Respondent/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 proceedings in C.C.No.111 of 2019 on the file of the Hon'ble XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar arising out of FIR No. 936 of 2018 of Mailardevpally Police Station, for the alleged offences punishable under Section 420 IPC and Section 7(1) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, insofar as the petitioner/accused are concerned.

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 C.C.No.111 of 2019 on the file of the Honble XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar pending disposal of the above Criminal Petition, insofar as the petitioners/accused are concerned.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Ms. M. Raja Laxmi, Advocate for the Petitioners and Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondents.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17625 of 2026
CNR.No.HBHC010733472026
Date: 26.10.2026.

Between:

MD Nawaz

...Petitioner/accused

AND

The State of Telangana, and another

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed by the petitioner/accused seeking to quash the proceedings in C.C.No.111 of 2019, on the file of learned XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar.

2. Heard Ms.M.Raja Laxmi, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondents.

3. The specific allegation against the petitioner that he has procured PDS rice from the beneficiaries at cheaper rate to sell the same for profit and on 14.11.2018, the petitioner was found in possession of 6 tons 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 in violation of Section 7 of the

Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (for short '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.111 of 2019, on the file of learned XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar, against the petitioner/accused, are hereby quashed.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- C. DEEPIKA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar
2. The Station House Officer, Mailardevpally Police Station, Cyberabad.
3. One CC to Ms. M. Raja Laxmi, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
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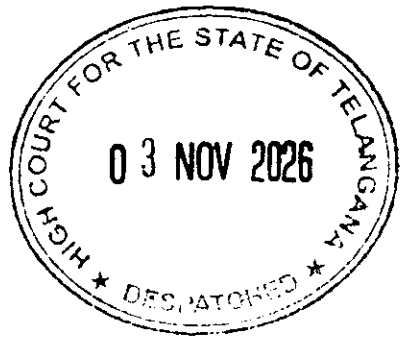
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 26/10/2026

ORDER

CRLP.No.17625 of 2026



ALLOWING THE CRLP.

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