IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.TUKARAMJI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17852 OF 2026

(CNR No. HBHC010746472026)

DATE: 04.11.2026

Between :

Maloth Ramesh

… Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana

… Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nyaya Suraksha Sanhita*, 2023* (for short, 'BNSS'), seeking the relief of anticipatory bail.

2. The petitioner is arrayed as the sole accused in Crime No.178 of 2026 on the file of Gambhiraopet Police Station, Rajanna Sircilla District, facing accusations under Section 109(1) of *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023* (for short 'BNS').

3. Heard Mr. B.Bhagath Sain, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, representing the respondent-State.

4. The prosecution case, in brief, is that the de facto complainant, who is the paternal aunt of the petitioner, has been having disputes with the petitioner's family over the use of the bathroom and the boundaries demarcating their respective portions of the property. In connection with the said disputes, it is alleged that, on 03.09.2026, the petitioner removed the boundaries that had been fixed by the village elders. It is further alleged that, on 04.09.2026, at about 10.00 A.M., the petitioner deliberately disconnected the electric cable connected to the water heater and placed the live wire near the bathroom door with the intention of causing the death of the de facto complainant. As a result, the de facto complainant allegedly sustained an electric shock. Based on the report lodged by the de facto complainant in this regard, the present crime came to be registered.

5.1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations levelled against the petitioner are wholly baseless and that he has been falsely implicated in the present case owing to the longstanding disputes between the families. He further submits that, even if the allegations are taken at their face value, there is no material on record to establish the petitioner's involvement in the alleged incident. He also contends that the technical aspects concerning the alleged use of a live electric wire connected to a 250-watt water heater and its potential to cause harm to the de facto complainant have not been established. According to learned counsel, there is no material whatsoever to indicate that the petitioner

deliberately electrified the bathroom with the intention of causing harm to the de facto complainant. He further points out that there are no medical records substantiating the alleged injuries sustained by the de facto complainant.

5.2. Learned counsel further submits that the allegations concerning the use and placement of the electric wire require technical investigation and forensic examination, and that, in such circumstances, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner may not be necessary for the purpose of investigation. He, however, submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigating agency and abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. On these grounds, learned counsel seeks the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Per contra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the petition and submits that there are admittedly disputes between the family of the petitioner and the de facto complainant concerning the use of the bathroom. It is further contended that the petitioner allegedly threatened the de facto complainant on the previous day and, thereafter, deliberately disconnected the electric wire connected to the water heater and placed the live wire near the bathroom door with the intention of causing her death. He further submits that the investigation is still in progress and that the presence of the petitioner may be necessary for the purpose of custodial

interrogation to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident and to effectively investigate the allegations. Accordingly, learned Additional Public Prosecutor prays for dismissal of the present petition.

7. I have considered the rival submissions and perused the material on record.

8. The gravamen of the allegation is that the petitioner objected using the bathroom by the de facto complainant and threatened to kill her, on subsequent day he kept the electric wire near the bathroom, due to which the complainant suffered an electric shock. The bare pleading of the complaint is making out sequential happenings between the petitioner and de facto complainant and in regard to keeping other life electric wire, the apprehension needs a thorough detailed investigation. At this stage, basing on the pleadings, this Court is not expected to record any definite findings on the disputed questions of fact whether the petitioner was involved and the intention behind such action, the affect received by the de facto complainant, the alleged offences are the matters for investigation to be contested during trial. The prosecution has not made out a convincing ground to state out the necessity of the petitioner's custodial interrogation at this stage.

9. Having regard to the nature of allegations and the stage of investigation, the attributed role against the petitioner coupled with the

willingness of the petitioner to cooperate with the investigation, this Court is of the considered view that the prayer of the petitioner for grant of anticipatory bail subject to appropriate conditions to secure the presence of investigation and judicial process.

10. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed, subject to following conditions.

(A) The petitioner/accused shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Gambhiraopet Police Station, Rajanna Sircilla District, on or before 19.11.2026. Upon such surrender or in the event of arrest the Station House Officer shall release him on bail on execution of 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 said officer.

(B) The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating officer on every Tuesday between 10.00AM to 03.00PM, for a period of eight (08) weeks from the date of his release on bail or until the filing of the final result, whichever is earlier.

(C) The petitioner shall remain available for investigation as and when required by the Investigating Officer and shall cooperate fully with the investigation.

(D) The petitioner shall furnish his complete residential address and contact details to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated throughout the course of investigation.

(E) The petitioner shall not either directly or indirectly induce, threaten, influence, or contact any prosecution witness, nor shall he tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner whatsoever.

(F) The petitioner shall strictly comply with all the conditions contemplated under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(G) Any willful breach or violation of any of the aforesaid conditions shall render the petitioner liable to appropriate proceedings before the court below, including cancellation of bail, in accordance with the provisions of the BNSS and other applicable law.

11. It is made clear that any observations made herein are confined solely to the adjudication of the present application for anticipatory bail and shall not be construed as an expression on the merits of the case. Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

N.TUKARAMJI, J

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