IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17886 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010749702026)

DATE: 05.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Akula Manoj.

.....Petitioner-Accused No.3

And

1)The State of Telangana,
Through SHO, P.S., Vanasthalipuram,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent No.1-State

2) x x x

...Respondent No.2-Complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.3 in connection with FIR.No.1820 of 2026 of Vanasthalipuram Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 64(2)(m), 77, 74, 308(3), 351(2) and 49 of the BNS.

2. Heard Sri P.Manoj, learned counsel for the petitioner-accused No.3 and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that no specific allegations are leveled against the petitioner-accused No.3. The complaint allegations are made against accused No.1-Simha and the role attributed against the petitioner-accused No.3 is primarily that he was the complainant's classmate/friend, exchanged photographs with her and that those photographs subsequently came into the possessions of Simha. No recovery is made from accused No.3 and the alleged photographs are electronic evidence. Investigation has already been progressed substantially and the Police has also recorded the victim statement. Petitioner-accused No.3 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2026, since then he is in jail, bail application filed before the District Court came to be dismissed on 22.10.2026. Entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused No.3 on bail.

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

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that Section 183 BNSS statement of the victim-complainant is recorded on 27.10.2026.

6. Victim has lodged a report before P.S., Vanasthalipuram on 01.10.2026, wherein she stated that one Simha obtained her photographs through Manjo's whatsapp and sent messages to her through whatsapp stating that you know me how much do you cost and meet me. He called her to Injapur about five months ago, she went there and met him and after two months, one Sai became acquainted with her and informed her that he has photos of her and took her on his bike to oyo room at Auto Nagar where he had sexual intercourse with her and forcibly made her consume alcohol. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

7. Petitioner-accused No.3 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2026, since then he is in jail.

8. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent has altogether examined 11 witnesses in support of the case.

9. Section 183 BNSS statement of the victim is already recorded on 27.10.2026, no specific overt acts are attributed against the petitioner-accused No.3 in the remand case diary. Hence, the petitioner-accused No.3 is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused No.3 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 VII Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate at Hayathnagar.

ii. The petitioner-accused No.3 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 No.3 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 No.3 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

v. It is made clear that if any of the above conditions are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

10. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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