IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17919 of 2026

CNR.No.HBHC010751602026

DATE: 05.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Chandha Sai Ram

... Petitioner-Accused Officer

AND

The State of Telangana
represented by its Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Anti-Corruption Bureau, City Range-I, Hyderabad,
Through the Public Prosecutor, High Court
High Court for the State of Telangana.

... Respondent - Complainant

ORDER

1. This memorandum of Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused officer in connection with Crime No.26/RCT-CR-1/2026 of ACB, City Range-1, Hyderabad. The offence alleged against the petitioner-accused officer is punishable under Sections 7(a) and 7(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (for short 'P.C.Act') (As amended in 2018).

2. Heard Sri Kodari Mallikarjun, learned Senior Counsel for petitioner - accused officer and Sri T.Bala Mohan Reddy, learned Standing Counsel cum Special Public prosecutor for ACB.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that physical recoveries, chemical evaluations, spot inspections were fully finalized on 08.09.2026 leaving zero justification for prolonged judicial custody under the guise of an ongoing investigation. Petitioner-accused officer is a responsible Deputy Executive Engineer in GHMC who cannot control or alter official procedures, and scheduling formal witness recordings is an administrative task of the prosecution. Petitioner-accused officer is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.09.2026, since then he is in jail. Bail application filed by the petitioner-accused officer before the Special Court came to be dismissed on 26.10.2026, entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused officer on bail.

4. Special Public Prosecutor for respondent-State submits that statement under Section 183 of the BNSS of the complainant is recorded on 21.10.2026.

5. Nuthanaganti Kondeti Nagesh Balaji has lodged a report before P.S. Anti-Corruption Bureau, City Range-I, Hyderabad on 03.09.2026 stating that on 01.09.2026 at about 1350 hours, Sri Sai

Ram, Dy. Executive Engineer made a WhatsApp call from his mobile No.8019125453 to his cell No.7702320492 in which he asked for the past bill work amount of Rs.5,000/- and the present bill work amount of Rs.6,000/-, the total amount is Rs.11,000/- as a bribe. He requested him to reduce the bribe amount, on his request bribe amount is reduced from Rs.11,000/- to Rs.10,000/-. On receiving the call, a trap was made and the petitioner-accused officer was arrested. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-accused officer is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 08.09.2026.

7. Petitioner-accused officer has filed Crl.MP.No.154 of 2026 before the Special Court for grant of regular bail, the same came to be dismissed on 26.10.2026.

8. Statement under Section 183 of BNSS of the complainant is already recorded on 21.10.2026. Petitioner-accused officer is in jail since 08.09.2026. It appears from the record that major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-accused officer further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose.

9. Accordingly, petition is allowed subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused officer shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), with two sureties for a like

sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Principal Special Judge for trial of SPE & ACB Cases, Hyderabad.

ii. The petitioner-accused officer shall appear before the concerned SHO in between 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on every Monday for a period of four (4) 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 officer 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 officer 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.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

5th November, 2026
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