IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18477 of 2026

(C.N.R.No.HBHC010773702026)

DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:
Mehdi Ali Khan and another

… Petitioners/A3 and A4

AND

The State of Telangana

…Respondent

ORDER:

Petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 have filed this petition under Sections 480 and 483 of BNSS, seeking bail in Crime No.332 of 2026 on the file of Sultan Bazar Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences under Sections 143(2), 144(2) and 223 of BNS and Section 7 of the Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act, 1956.

2. Heard Sri Gurmeet Singh, learned counsel for petitioners and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State. Perused the record.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 30.09.2026 at about 04:00 P.M., the Detective Inspector of Police, Sultan Bazar Police Station, received credible information regarding a brothel operation

being conducted at Hyderabad Continental Lodge, Kachiguda X Road, Hyderabad, by accused Nos.1 and 2 with the assistance of accused Nos.3 and 4. After obtaining necessary authorization from the Assistant Commissioner of Police, the police conducted a raid at the said lodge at about 04:45 P.M. and rescued three sex workers from the lodge. It is further alleged that the petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4, who were working as Manager and Room Boy respectively, were managing the rooms, accommodating customers and monitoring the movements of the police for daily commissions under the instructions of accused Nos.1 and 2. During the course of the raid, the police seized 10 condoms, 10 contraceptive tablets, a customer check-in register and two mobile phones from the possession of the petitioners. Hence, the police registered the above crime and arrested the petitioners and remanded them to judicial custody.

4. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the case and that the petitioners are neither owners nor proprietors of the lodge and are merely salaried employees working as Manager and Room Boy, drawing monthly salaries of Rs.15,000/- and Rs.10,000/- respectively. He further submitted that no independent material has been placed on record to show that the

petitioners personally recruited the alleged victims, procured customers or received any commission from the alleged activities. Further, the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 01.10.2026, have permanent residences and are ready to abide by any conditions imposed by this Court. Hence, prayed to enlarge the petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 on bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the application stating that the petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 were actively involved in the brothel activities being conducted at the lodge and were assisting accused Nos.1 and 2 in accommodating customers and monitoring the movements of the police. He further submitted that the investigation is still in progress and that, if the petitioners are released on bail, they may influence the victims and tamper with the prosecution evidence. Hence, prayed to dismiss the petition.

6. On a perusal of the complaint and remand case diary, it is apparent that the petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 were working as Manager and Room Boy respectively in the said lodge and the police have already seized the customer check-in register, mobile phones and other material during the course of the raid. It is further evident that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 01.10.2026 and that accused Nos.1 and 2 are stated to be

absconding. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations against the petitioners, their period of incarceration and that their presence during the course of investigation and trial can be secured by imposing appropriate conditions, this Court is of the considered view that it is a fit case for grant of bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. **The petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 shall be released on bail on their executing personal bonds for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the II Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hyderabad.**

ii. **The petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 shall appear before the concerned Station House Officer twice in a month i.e., on 1st and 15th of every month, till filing of charge sheet or for four (04) months, whichever is earlier.**

iii. **The petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 shall not directly or indirectly contact, threaten or influence the victims or other prosecution witnesses in any manner.**

iv. **The petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 shall also furnish an undertaking before the concerned trial Court that they shall not involve in similar cases in future.**

v. **The petitioners/accused Nos.3 and 4 shall comply with the conditions as laid down under Section 480(3) of BNSS.**

Petition is allowed accordingly.

JUVVADI SRIDEVI, J

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