IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18679 of 2026
(CNR No.HBHC010782252026)

DATED: 18.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Anangi Murali Krishna and another

.... Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep., by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad, Through SHO,
Raidurgam Police Station

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking to enlarge the petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in Crime No.1139 of 2026 of Raidrugam Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, on bail. The said crime was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 143 (3) and 144 (2) of BNS and Sections 3, 4 and 5 of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 09.10.2026, the petitioners/accused Nos.2 and 3 were allegedly found conducting prostitution at Flat No.155, Room No.502, SERI Hotel, Prashanthi Hills,

3rd Line, Khajaguda, Raidurgam, Serilingampally Mandal, Rangareddy District.

3. Heard Mr. Muhammad Saddam, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that petitioners-accused Nos.2 and 3 have no connection with the alleged offence and were merely employed as receptionists at the hotel. They allotted rooms to guests in the ordinary course of their duties and had no knowledge of the activities carried out by the guests inside the private rooms. It is further contended that the only material linking the petitioners to the alleged offense is their own purported statement to the police. The remand report itself indicates that, upon enquiry, the petitioners "admitted their guilt." The entire prosecution narrative, wherein Accused No. 1 allegedly offered a commission to Accused No. 2, and Accused Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to assist him is derived solely from what Accused No. 2 supposedly disclosed to the police while in custody. Such a confession made to a police officer is strictly inadmissible and barred under Section 22 of the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023. Consequently, it cannot form the legal basis to sustain the remand or the continued detention of the petitioners. Therefore, learned counsel prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioners by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed grant of bail to the petitioners.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 10.10.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, it is evident that ten (LWs 1 to 10) witnesses have already been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to enlarge the petitioners-A2 and A3 on bail, however, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioners-A2 and A3 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar.

ii. The petitioners-A2 and A3 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 petitioners-A2 and A3 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioners-A2 and A3 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.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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