

The Hon'ble Sri Justice J.Sreenivas Rao

Criminal Petition No.3950 of 2025

Order:

This Criminal Petition is filed by the petitioner/accused, seeking anticipatory bail under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), in connection with Crime No.197 of 2025 of Jeedimetla Police Station, Cyberabad, registered for the offences punishable under Section 69 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (for short 'the IT Act').

2. Heard Mr. Mohd. Adnan, learned counsel for the petitioner/accused and Mr. Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent/State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 11.02.2025 at about 16:30 hours, the Station House Officer, Jeedimetla Police Station, received a complaint from the complainant

stating that in the year 2019, when she was studying Degree, she got acquainted with the petitioner, who assured her to marry and developed physical relationship with her and on 24.12.2024, he took her to his house, had physical contact and recorded her nude videos and photos without her knowledge and later when she conceived, he asked her to get aborted and believing his words, the complainant took a tablet and when they decided to get engaged in the presence of elders on 02.02.2025 and informed all the relatives, the petitioner said that he would not marry her and since 06.02.2025, he started sending her private photos and videos to all her friends, relatives, colleagues and her instagram contacts. Basing on the said complaint, the aforesaid Crime was registered against the petitioner/accused for the aforesaid offences.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner/accused submits that the petitioner has not committed any offence and he was falsely implicated in the aforesaid crime. He further submits

that even according to the complaint, the petitioner and the complainant are having relationship since 2019, whereas the complaint has been filed nearly after six years on 11.02.2025, and the material part of the investigation is completed and therefore, the petitioner be granted anticipatory bail as he is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigating officer for investigation and abide by the conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

5. Per contra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner/accused committed grave offence and the and the investigation is not yet completed and if the petitioner is granted anticipatory bail at this stage, there is every chance of his influencing the witnesses and interfering with the investigation. Hence, he prays to dismiss this criminal petition.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and on perusal of the record, it reveals that the petitioner and the

complainant are known to each other since 2019 and material part of the investigation has already been completed.

7. In view of the same, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/accused subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Petitioner/accused is directed to surrender before the Station House Officer, Jeedimetla Police Station, on or before 04.04.2025;
- (ii) On such surrender, the Station House Officer of Jeedimetla Police Station, shall release the petitioner/accused on bail on his executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand only) with two sureties for a likesum each to the satisfaction of the said Officer;
- (iii) On such release, petitioner/accused shall appear before the Station House Officer, Jeedimetla Police Station, on every Monday at 11:00 a.m., starting from 07.04.2025 for a period of eight weeks for the purpose of investigation and thereafter, as and when required by the police for investigation.

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(iv) Petitioner/accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973/ Section 482 of BNSS and shall cooperate with the investigation officer for conclusion of investigation.

8. Subject to the above directions, the Criminal Petition is allowed. No costs.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, pending if any, stand closed.

Date: 26.03.2025
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J.SREENIVAS RAO, J