

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3633 OF 2026

DATE :31.03.2026

Between :

Yellepi Reddappa

... Petitioner/Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep., by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Telangana,
(through the Inspecting Officer,
Panjagutta Police Station)

... Respondent

: ORDER :

This criminal petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioner praying to enlarge him on bail in connection with Crime No.762 of 2025 of Panjagutta Police Station, Hyderabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 103(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The facts of the case are that the de facto complainant lodged a complaint before police stating that for the past one

and a half year, he had been running a tea stall in the premises of Imperial House Apartments, bearing H.No.6-3-865/A/1, Begumpet, Hyderabad. Adjacent to his tea stall, there are several commercial establishments. There is also a tiffin center named Sri Satya Tiffins & Meals, situated in an L-shaped structure adjoining the corner shop, which is run by one Mr. Yesuraj, who operates the said tiffin center from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The complainant used to run his tea stall from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. On 23.10.2025 at about 07:21 hours, the complainant received a phone call from the said Yesuraj, who asked him to come to the shop. Immediately, the complainant rushed to the location and noticed a woman lying unconscious in front of the tiffin center run by Yesuraj. The woman was lying face upwards with visible bleeding injuries on her face and head. The complainant also noticed a quarter bottle of MC liquor and a food packet lying beside her. It is stated that some unknown person might have assaulted the said woman, resulting in her death. Subsequently, he came to know that the deceased was one Jenny Ngaihi @ Leesa, aged about 35 years, who used to roam in the said locality and appeared to be a native of Assam. The complainant immediately informed the

police about the incident by dialing 100 from his mobile phone. Basing on the said complaint police registered the case.

3. Heard Sri B. Kiran Kumar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that, according to the prosecution, on the night of 22/23.10.2025, petitioner approached the deceased, consumed liquor with her, and had sexual intercourse. It is further alleged that when the deceased resisted his further advances, the petitioner assaulted her, pressed her neck, and struck her head against the floor, resulting in her death. The learned counsel further submitted that the entire case rests on circumstantial evidence and on the alleged confession said to have been made by the petitioner while in police custody. It is also contended that all the material objects have already been seized and sent for forensic analysis. He further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 24.10.2025, the investigation has been completed and charge sheet has been filed. Therefore, there is no likelihood of petitioner tampering with the evidence. Hence,

prayed this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail stating that the offence committed by the petitioner is a very serious and heinous offence involving rape and murder of a woman. Hence, petitioner is not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Having considered the rival submissions and upon perusal of the material on record, this Court finds that the allegations against the petitioner are serious and heinous in nature. The material available prima facie discloses the involvement of petitioner in the commission of offence. Considering the gravity of offence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner at this stage and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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