

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE N.TUKARAMJI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8536 OF 2026

DATE : 09.07.2026

Between:

Vipin Kumar @ Vipin Agarwal.

...Petitioners-accused No.5

AND

State of Telangana

...Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita*, 2023 (for short, “BNSS”), seeking the relief of anticipatory bail.

2. The petitioner is arrayed as accused No.5 in FIR No.21 of 2026 on the file of Sirpur-T Police Station, Kumuram Bheem, Asifabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 338 of *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhitha*, 2023 (for short, “BNS”).

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Syed Yasar Mohammed, learned Additional Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State.

4. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the petitioner along with other accused, who are running *Sri Sai Balaji Agrotech Rice Mill* at “X” Road,

Venkatraopet Village, entered into an agreement with the Government authorities and submitted a Bank Guarantee for an amount of Rs.7,51,54,066/-. It is alleged that, on verification, the said Bank Guarantee was found to be forged/fabricated and, based on the complaint, the present crime came to be registered.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present crime. It is further submitted that the other similarly placed accused, i.e., accused Nos.2 to 4, have already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court, wherein it was observed that the allegations are mainly directed against accused No.1 and that the material collected during investigation, including the statement recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C. of the District Manager, Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, indicates that the bank authorities had informed the investigating agency that the Bank Guarantee in question was genuine. It is further submitted that no specific overt act is attributed to the petitioner and that he is ready to cooperate with the investigation and abide by any conditions imposed by this Court.

6. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the petition contending that the investigation is still at the initial stage and granting anticipatory bail may affect the process of investigation.

7. I have perused the material available on record.

8. The allegation against the petitioner is regarding submission of a Bank Guarantee alleged to be fabricated. However, the material placed before this Court does not disclose any specific overt act attributable to the petitioner. Further, this Court, while granting anticipatory bail to accused Nos.2 to 4, has taken note of the statement of the concerned official recorded under Section 161 Cr.P.C., wherein it was stated that the bank authorities had confirmed the genuineness of the Bank Guarantee.

9. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of allegations, absence of specific role attributed to the petitioner, and considering that similarly placed co-accused have already been granted anticipatory bail, this Court is of the view that the petitioner is also entitled for the same relief on the principle of parity.

10. Accordingly, this criminal petition is allowed. The petitioner shall be enlarged on anticipatory bail, subject to the following conditions:

(A) The petitioner/Accused No.5 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Sirpur-T, Kumurambheem District, on or before 24.07.2026. Upon such surrender or in the event of arrest the Station House Officer shall release him on bail on execution of a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each, to the satisfaction of the said officer.

(B) The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating officer on every Monday between 09.00AM to 05.00PM, for a period of eight (08) weeks from the date of his release on bail and shall cooperate with the investigation in all respects.

(C) The petitioner shall furnish his complete residential address and contact details to the Investigating Officer and shall keep the same updated throughout the course of investigation.

(D) The petitioner shall not either directly or indirectly induce, threaten, influence, or contact any prosecution witness, nor shall he tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner whatsoever.

(E) The petitioner shall strictly comply with all the conditions contemplated under Section 482(2) of the BNSS.

(F) Any willful breach or violation of any of the aforesaid conditions shall render the petitioners liable to appropriate proceedings before the Court concerned, including cancellation of bail, in accordance with the provisions of the BNSS and other applicable laws.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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