IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16260 of 2026

CNR.No. HBHC010685142026

DATE: 14.10.2026

BETWEEN:

Smt. Guntipally Karuna

.....Petitioner-Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent-Complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner- accused on bail in connection with Crime No.480 of 2026 of Keesara Police Station, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, registered for the offence punishable under Section 108 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard Sri Sanjeev Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner-accused and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that during the course of investigation, the Investigating Officer conducted the inquest, visited the scene of offence, recorded the statements of witnesses, and got the post-mortem examination conducted. On 22.08.2026, the father of the deceased, who was the original complainant, submitted a fresh complaint alleging harassment by the petitioner-accused. Petitioner-accused is innocent of the alleged offence, and she has been falsely implicated in the case. Petitioner-accused is in judicial custody since 03.09.2026. Entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the role played by the petitioner-accused is depicted in the remand case diary.

5. Guntipally Mallesham lodged a complaint before the Keesara Police Station on 23.05.2026. It is stated in the complaint that Vinay Kumar is married to Karuna (petitioner

herein) and they are blessed with two children. On 22.05.2026, at about 15.30 hours, his daughter-in-law informed him over the phone that Vinay Kumar had died by hanging. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-accused was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.09.2026. Since then, she is in jail.

7. Remand case diary goes to show that the respondent has examined 15 witnesses in support of the case. Post-mortem report is already received by the Investigating Officer, it appears from the record that a major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-accused further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Hence, the petitioner-accused is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner- accused shall execute 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 learned III Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-III Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Kushaiguda.

ii. The petitioner-accused shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10 a.m. to 5 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 petitioner- accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner- accused shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

v. It is made clear that if any of the conditions imposed by this Court are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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