

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7005 OF 2026

Between:

Sri. Janardhan Reddy, , S/o. Late. Anji Reddy, Aged 29 years, Occ .
Business, R/o. Plot No.85 and 196/Part, Venkata Ramana Colony, Phase- II,
Dammaiguda, Nagaram, Keesara, Medchal - Malkajgiri District.

...PETITIONER/APPELLANT

AND

1. K. Malla Reddy,, S/o. K. Nagi Reddy, Aged 65 years, Occ . Business, R/o.
H.No.12-23, Adarsha Nagar, IDPL Colony, Balanagar, Medchal - Malkajgiri
District.
2. The State of Telangana,, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court,
Hyderabad

...RESPONDENTS

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in
the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to
quash the order dt. 10-04-2026 in CrI.M.P. 47 of 2026 in CrI.A.No. 103 of 2025 on
the file of II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal - Malkajgiri at Medchal
to extent of directing the Petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount i.e.,
Rs 3,00,000/- is concerned

I.A. NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in
the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to
suspend the order dt. 10-04-2026 in CrI.M.P. 47 of 2026 in CrI.A.No. 103 of 2025 on
the file of II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal - Malkajgiri at Medchal
to the extent of directing the Petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount
i.e. Rs. 3,00,000/- is concerned

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri E SRINIVASA REDDY , Advocate for the Petitioner and the Mr V.Jithender Rao Addl Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No2. and none appear for the Respondent No1.

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7005 of 2026

Date: 01.05.2026

Between:

Sri Janardhan Reddy

...Petitioner

AND

K. Malla Reddy and another

...Respondents.

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed by the petitioner/appellant/ accused questioning the order dated 10.04.2026, passed by the II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal - Malkajgiri District at Medhcal, in Crl.M.P.No.47 of 2026 in Crl.A.No.103 of 2025 in C.C No.3003 of 2025, on the ground that the Sessions Judge imposed an onerous condition.

2. Heard Mr. E. Sreenivas Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.2.

3. With the consent of both the learned counsel, the criminal petition is disposed of at the admission stage.

4. Notice in respect of respondent No.1 is dispensed with, on the ground that the petitioner has filed the present criminal petition only challenging the imposition of the condition to deposit 20% of the compensation amount, and no relief is sought against respondent No.1.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the learned trial Court convicted the petitioner for the offence under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (for short 'NI Act') and sentenced him to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of six months and to pay fine of Rs.15,00,000/-, in default of which, to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of three months. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the learned Sessions Judge, who, while suspending the sentence imposed by the trial Court, imposed a condition directing the petitioner to deposit 20% of the compensation amount as laid down under Section 148 of the NI Act, within 15 days from the date of the order.

6. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that, in similar circumstances, this Court by placing reliance upon the principle laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Sanjabij Tari v. Kishore S. Borcar*¹, has reduced the compensation amount from 20% to 10%.

7. Taking into consideration the submissions made by the respective parties and the principle laid down by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Sanjabij*

¹ 2025 SCC OnLine SC 2069

Tari (supra), the impugned order dated 10.04.2026 passed by the II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal - Malkajgiri District at Medchal, in CrI.M.P.No.47 of 2026 in CrI.A.No.103 of 2025 in C.C. No.3003 of 2025 is modified, directing the petitioner to deposit 10% of the compensation amount within a period of four (04) weeks from today. In default of depositing the said amount within the stipulated period, the learned Sessions Judge is entitled to proceed with the matter in accordance with law.

8. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- A.SREENIVASA REDDY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The II Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal - Malkajgiri at Medchal
2. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad. [OUT]
3. One CC to SRI. E SRINIVASA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 01/05/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.7005 of 2026

**DISPOSING OF
THE CRL. PETITION**

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