



IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THURSDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY ONE

:PRESENT:
THE HON'BLE JUSTICE G.SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3081 OF 2021

Between:

1. Kothakonda Shankar @ Bhavani Shankar, S/o. Anantha Ramulu,
2. Sudhagoni Venkatesh, S/o. Uppalaiah,
3. Chintala Vijaya Kumar, S/o. Yadagiri,

Petitioners/Accused No.1 to 3

AND

The State of Telangana, through SHO, Jawaharnagar Police Station, Rachakonda
Commissionerate, rep. by Public Prosecutor, High Court, Hyderabad.

Respondent/complainant

Petition under Section 438 of Cr.P.C, praying that in the circumstances stated in the petition and the grounds filed therein, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioners herein on bail in the event of their arrest in connection with FIR. No. 199 of 2021 of Jawaharnagar Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the grounds filed therein, and upon hearing the arguments of Sri G.Purushotham Reddy, Advocate for the petitioners and of the Asst. Public Prosecutor for the Respondent, the Court made the following;

THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is filed by the petitioners/A1 to A3 seeking to grant anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Cr.No.199 of 2021 on the file of Jawaharnagar Police Station, Rachakonda District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 384 read with Section 34 IPC.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners/A1 to A3, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State and perused the record.

3. It is alleged in the complaint that A1 came to his kirana shop at Chennapuram Main Road, Jawaharnagar, purchased Good Day Biscuits on 08.03.2021 and after some, he came to his shop and stated that the biscuit packets sold by him are expired and after eating those biscuits, he has vomited, for which he demanded to pay Rs.2.00 lakhs as compensation and threatened to make a complaint to the Municipal authorities.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners/A1 to A3 would submit that the petitioners are innocent of the alleged offences and they have been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submits that the petitioners are journalists of print media and that the de-facto complainant appears to have contacted with the company dealer and in collusion with them, he lodged the complaint. He would also submit that the petitioners are not involved in any other crime prior to this occurrence and they are law-abiding citizens and ready to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court in the event of their enlargement on anticipatory bail.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances and looking into the nature of allegations leveled against the petitioners and also in view of peculiar conditions of pandemic COVID-19 prevailing in the country, without delving into the merits of the matter, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A1 to A3.

7. The Criminal Petition is accordingly allowed and the petitioners/A1 to A3 are granted anticipatory bail subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) The petitioners/A1 to A3 are directed to surrender before the Station House Officer, Jawaharnagar Police Station, Rachakonda District, within a period of 15 days from the date of this order and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release the petitioners/A1 to A3 on bail on their executing a personal bond to the tune of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each with two sureties for the like sum each to his satisfaction.

(ii) The petitioners/A1 to A3 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

8. Miscellaneous applications, if any pending in this criminal petition, shall stand closed.

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SD/- **B. SATYAVATHI**
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The XXIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal Court, Cyberabad, Medchal
2. The Station House Officer, Jawaharnagar Police Station, Rachakonda District.
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana, at Hyderabad (OUT)
4. One CC to Sri G.Purushotham Reddy, Advocate (OPUC)
5. one Spare Copy

HIGH COURT

GSD,J

DATE: 03-6-2021

ORDER

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PETITION ALLOWED

