

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1671 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.167 of 2025 of Uppal Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, on bail, the present Criminal Petition is filed.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 02.02.2025, a complaint was filed by Smt. Malipeddi Rajitha, alleging harassment of her daughter, Boreddy Ravali, by her in-laws and husband, Rajashekar Reddy. Ravali, a school teacher, was married to Rajashekar on 23.05.2019, with a dowry of 10 tolas of gold and Rs.2 lakh. Initially, the couple lived harmoniously, but later, Rajashekar and his parents, Indiramma and Lingareddy, started demanding the one-acre land promised by Ravali's parents, leading to continuous harassment. After a quarrel, Rajashekar left Ravali and their children, and on 31.01.2025, he demanded that Ravali bring the property in exchange for his return. Mentally distressed, Ravali consumed poison and died on 01.02.2025. The

complainant seeks legal action against Rajashekar and his parents for dowry harassment.

3. Heard Sri K. Rajashekar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Syed Yasar Manoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the allegations against him are based on circumstantial evidence and assumptions, lacking direct evidence to prove harassment or involvement in the deceased's suicide. He further submitted that the allegations pertain to civil disputes over dowry and property, with no evidence of immediate provocation or direct involvement. He contended that the petitioner is the sole caretaker of his two minor daughters, who are already suffering from their mother's loss. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioners by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners stating that the investigation is not yet completed and the allegations against the petitioner are serious in

nature, therefore, granting bail to the petitioner, at this stage, does not arise. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. After considering submissions made by both the learned counsel and reviewing the material available on record, this Court finds that the petitioner has been incarcerated since 02.02.2025. Notably, the complaint alleges that the deceased took her own life at her parents' residence, where she had been living for the past 10 months. In light of these facts and circumstances, the Court deems it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned VI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal-Malkajgiri District at L.B. Nagar.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of

investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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