

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3122 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 to 4 in Crime No.6 of 2025 before the Women Police Station, Srirampur Ramagundam, Mancherial District, on pre-arrest bail, the present Criminal Petition is filed.

2. The brief facts of the case are that Rudrabatla Sahithi, a 31-year-old research scientist, lodged a complaint on January 23, 2025, alleging that her husband, A1/Kommer Sathyaki Srivastava, and his family members physically and mentally harassed her for additional dowry of Rs. 50 lakhs, threatening to kill her with dire consequences. It was alleged that her parents had already given gold ornaments worth Rs. 50 lakhs and household articles worth Rs. 5 lakhs as dowry at the time of her marriage on December 6, 2019. Being aggrieved by the implication in the said case, this criminal petition is filed.

3. Heard Sri S.Ganesh, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, as well as Sri Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned

Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have not committed any offence, and were falsely implicated due to a personal grudge. He contended that the petitioners are in-laws of the respondent No.2, and the allegations against them are false, frivolous, and baseless. He asserted that the complaint lacks specific allegations and relies on vague and omnibus claims. He averred that as per the well laid legal principle, the family members of the husband should not be implicated in offences under Section 498-A based on wild, vague, and baseless allegations. He averred that the petitioners are law-abiding citizens from respectable families, with no antecedents, and are ready to furnish sureties and abide by any conditions. Therefore, while advocating that the petitioners are ready to furnish sureties and abide by any conditions imposed by the Court, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel

for petitioners, stating that the petitioners were already served with 41-A Cr.P.C. notice, as such, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners does not arise. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the offences alleged against the petitioners are below seven years. Considering the age of the petitioners as well as the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the concerned Court, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Court shall release them on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioners shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita,

2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

- iii. The concerned Court is directed to consider the explanation given by the petitioners while filing the charge sheet.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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