

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.11680 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioners, who arrayed as accused Nos.1 to 3 in Crime No.534 of 2025 of Choutuppal Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, on bail, the present petition is filed.

2 . The brief facts of the case are that on 26.07.2025 at about 20:30 hours, a complaint was received from the *de-facto* complainant, stating that about 20 days ago, he went to Harsha Cars to buy a car, where a person named Shiva alias Pullarao approached him, claiming to have cars for sale. Since then, Shiva had been contacting him over the phone regarding different cars. About three days prior, Shiva informed him about a Hyundai car available in Choutuppal and asked if he was interested. On 26.07.2025 at about 14:30 hours, the complainant took his car TS11 EP 1415 to Choutuppal bus stand, picked up Shiva, and went to a masjid on Chinnakondur road as directed by him. Shiva showed him a car there and said the owner would arrive in 10 minutes. While the complainant was on a phone call, Shiva stole Rs.4,00,000/- in cash from his car and fled, as such requested for

necessary legal action. Basing on the said complaint, the Police registered a case *vide* Crime No.534 of 2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 111(2)(b), 111(4), 111(7) and 303(2) of BNS.

3. Heard Sri Kadiyam Neelakanteswara Rao, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners had been arrested on 28.07.2025 and had remained in custody since then and that except the name of Accused No.1, no other names had been stated in the complaint. He further stated that a substantial portion of the investigation had already been completed. Therefore, 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, contending that similar cases are pending against the petitioners, involving comparable crimes. He further submitted that the allegations are grave in nature and the investigation is still ongoing, releasing the petitioners on bail at this stage may lead to

tampering with evidence or intimidation of witnesses and prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 28.07.2025. The remand report indicates that seven witnesses have been examined thus far. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, including the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners 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 Judicial First Class Magistrate, Choutuppall.
- ii. The petitioners 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 petitioners 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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