

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12319 of 2025

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.1 and 2 in Crime No.269 of 2025 before the Rebbana Police Station, Kumarambheem Asifabad District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 296, 351(2), read with 3(5) of BNS and Section 3(1)(s), 3(2)(va) of the SC/ST POA Act.

2. Heard G. Ramachandra Reddy, learned counsel for petitioners, as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent.

3. Without going into the merits of the case, since the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioners is less than seven (07) years, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 24.10.2025 between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m. and in turn, the Investigating Officer is

directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 35 (3) of BNSS (previously Section 41-A of Cr.P.C.) and also the guidelines formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar***¹ scrupulously. However, the petitioners shall submit their defense and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and produce all relevant documents/material required for the purpose of the investigation and the Investigating Officer shall consider the same before filing appropriate report before the learned Magistrate concerned.

4. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 25.09.2025

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¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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