

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12783 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner, who arrayed as Accused No.1 in Crime No.586 of 2025 of Kushaiguda Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, on bail, the present petition is filed.

2 . The brief facts of the case are that, on 07.08.2025, the *de-facto* complainant, who is the father of the deceased, lodged a report stating that his daughter was married to the petitioner on 06.02.2025. A dowry of Rs.10,00,000/, including gold ornaments, was given. After the marriage, the deceased joined her in-laws in Odisha, where Accused allegedly harassed her, claiming that the dowry had not been fully paid. Subsequently, the deceased relocated for employment, where she continued to face harassment from the petitioner. Unable to bear the harassment, she ultimately died by committing suicide. Based on the complaint, a case was registered as Crime No.586 of 2025 for offences punishable under Sections 80 and 85 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

3. Heard Sri K. Rohit, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as Sri E. Ganesh, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the husband of the deceased and denied the allegation that any dowry was given at the time of marriage and that the petitioner was arrested on 08.08.2025 and has been in judicial custody since then. He further submitted that a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed, and there is no evidence to suggest that the deceased harassed for additional dowry. Therefore, prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, as the deceased died by suicide within seven years of marriage allegedly due to harassment for additional dowry by the petitioner and his family members and that the investigation is still ongoing, releasing the petitioner 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 light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon a perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 08.08.2025. As reflected in the remand case diary, prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 17 have already been examined. 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 petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner 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 II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-II Additional Metropolitan Magistrate at Malkajgiri.
- 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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