

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13006 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 petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.4 in Crime No.296 of 2022 of Khammam (R) Police Station, Khammam District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 498-A of the IPC and Sections 3 and 4 of the DPA.

2. Heard Sri P. Ravi Kiran, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

3. Without going into the merits of the case, since the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioner are less than seven (07) years, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 06.11.2025

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 petitioner shall submit her 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

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¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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