

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13539 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioners, who arrayed as accused Nos.1 to 5 in Crime No.129 of 2025 of Narsimhulapet Police Station, Mahabubabad District, on bail, the present petition is filed.

2 . The case of the prosecution in brief is that, the deceased was subjected to continuous physical and mental harassment by the accused persons, who alleged that she had brought an insufficient dowry. This persistent abuse, coupled with instigation from the accused, allegedly led the deceased to commit suicide. Accused No.1 is the husband of the deceased, Accused Nos.2 and 3 are her in-laws, and Accused Nos.4 and 5 are relatives of Accused No.1. Based on the same, a case was registered *vide* Crime No.129 of 2025 for the offence punishable under Sections 85 and 108 of BNS and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

3. Heard Sri J. Vishnu Vardhan, 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 are innocent of the alleged accusations and that there are no specific or direct allegations implicating them in the commission of the offence and that there is no material to establish any act of abetment attributable to the petitioners. He further submitted that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 29.09.2025, and a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed. Therefore, he 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 the allegations against the petitioners are severe in nature and the investigation is still ongoing. Considering the severity of the offence, the petitioners are not entitled to be released on bail at this stage.

Therefore, he 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 observed that there are specific and substantive allegations against Petitioner No.1. However, no such specific allegations have been made against Petitioners Nos.2 to 5, who have been in judicial custody since 29.09.2025. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, including the nature and gravity of the alleged offence, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to Accused Nos.2 to 5. The bail application of Accused No.1 is accordingly rejected. The grant of bail to Accused Nos.2 to 5 shall be subject to the following conditions:

- i. The accused Nos.2 to 5 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial

First Class Magistrate at Thorrur,
Mahabubabad District.

- ii. The accused Nos.2 to 5 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 accused Nos.2 to 5 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 partly allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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