

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13806 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioners-accused Nos.2 to 7 in Crime No.190 of 2025 of Warasiguda Police Station, Hyderabad, on bail, the present petition is filed.

2 . The brief facts of the case are that, on 11.09.2025, the *de-facto* complainant, who is the wife of the victim, lodged a report with the police stating that at around 08:30 hours on the same day, she was informed by her neighbour that 4-5 unknown persons had arrived in a four-wheeler and forcibly taken her husband away after assaulting him. She further stated that on 25.08.2025, one Dastagiri had come to her workplace and threatened her, stating that her husband owed them a debt of fourteen lakhs, and if he failed to repay it, they would kill him. Based on this, she suspected that Dastagiri, along with others, might have kidnapped her husband and requested the police to take necessary action. Based on the complaint, a case was registered as Crime No.190 of 2025, initially for offences punishable under Section 137 read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Subsequently, after investigation,

the case was altered to Sections 140(2), 127, and 238 read with Section 3(5) of BNS.

3. Heard Sri Kasireddy Mohan Chandra, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, 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 allegations leveled against them. The alleged transactions, if any, were solely between Accused No.1 and the *de-facto* complainant, and the petitioners had no involvement whatsoever in those dealings. Consequently, they are in no way connected with the alleged crime. He further submitted that the petitioners were arrested on 12.09.2025 and have remained in judicial custody since then and a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed, and there is no evidence to suggest that the petitioners were involved in any act of kidnapping. 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 the allegations against the petitioners

are grave in nature and that the investigation is still ongoing and therefore, prayed that the Court 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 petitioners have been in judicial custody since 12.09.2025. As reflected in the remand case diary, prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 14 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 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) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge for Trial of offences under SCs and STs (POA) Act cum VI Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge, Secunderabad.
- 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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