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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3521]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8064/2026

Between:

1. SANDHINA LALITH AMBIKA, D/O. NAGESWARA RAO,AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS, HINDU, KAPU, NATIVE OF D.NO.5-2-25, MADHIREDDYVARI STREET,SURYARAOPETA, KAKINADA,PRESENTLY RESIDING AT VEERAMREDDY RESIDENCY,RED CROSS ROAD,GANDHI NAGAR, KAKINADA.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.2

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh,At Amaravati, Through the S.H.O., Sarpavaram Police Station,Kakinada District.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. MALLAVARAPU PRADEEP KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:
ORDER:

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.2 on bail in Crime No.221 of 2026 of Sarpavaram Police Station, Kakinada District, registered for the alleged

offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 316(5), 61(2), 339, 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, 'the BNS') and Section 5 of the Andhra Pradesh Protection of Depositors of Financial Establishments Act, 1999.

2. Mr. Mallavarapu Pradeep Kumar, the learned counsel for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence and she has been falsely implicated by the police. She is a law-abiding citizen. The Petitioner undertakes to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, it is urged to allow the Criminal Petition.

3. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner, submitting that the investigation is still underway and several material witnesses remain to be examined. It is contended that if the Petitioner is released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that she may abscond, thereby hampering the ongoing investigation and evading the process of law. Hence, it is urged to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

5. As seen from the record, the Petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.2 in this case. There are no similar adverse antecedents reported against the Petitioner. This is the second bail application filed by the Petitioner. This Court, *vide* order dated 25.08.2026 passed in Crl.P.No.7185 of 2026, dismissed the first bail application filed by the Petitioner. The Petitioner was apprehended on

09.07.2026. Even after completion of 90 days of the statutory period, the Charge Sheet has not yet been filed. The Petitioner is a permanent resident of Kakinada. She has got fixed abode.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.2, and the period of incarceration undergone by the Petitioner, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner on bail, subject to the following stringent conditions.

7. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

i. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall be enlarged on bail subject to his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Mobile Judicial First Class Magistrate, Kakinada.

ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, on every Saturday in between 10:00 am and 05:00 pm, till filing of the Charge Sheet.

iii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.

iv. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.

v. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case and shall make herself available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.

vi. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court.

vii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall surrender her passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer. If she claims that she does not have passport, she shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 07.10.2026
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