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

THURSDAY, THE 19th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9396/2026

Between:

CHODIMELLA CHITTI BABU, MALE, AGED 27 YEARS, OCC AGRICULTURAL COOLI,S/O. GANGAYYA, R/O. KAWAGUNTA V, PEDAVEGI MANDAL, ELURU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, THROUGH SUB DIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER, JANGAREDDYGUDEM SUB DIVISION,CHINTALAPUDI P.S. HIGH COURT OF A.P. AT NELAPADU, AMARAVATHI.GUNTUR DISTRICT
2. VICTIM HOSTEL WARDEN, VICTIM HOSTEL WARDEN

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

B P RAJU

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant(S):

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.1 on bail in S.C.No.139 of 2020 on the file of the learned Special Court for Speedy Trial of Offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 (POCSO Act), West Godavari District, Eluru, in Crime No.228 of 2018 of Chintalapudi Police Station, registered against the Petitioner/Accused No.1 for the offences punishable under Sections 366, 366A, 343, 354C,376D, 376(2)(i)(n) of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for brevity 'the IPC') and Section 6 read with 17 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 (for brevity 'the POCSO Act').

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

3. As seen from the record, the petitioner failed to appear before the learned Trial Court on several occasions, particularly at the stage of arguments. Consequently, the learned Trial Court was constrained to issue a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) against the petitioner. The petitioner was arrested upon execution of the NBW on 01.09.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 79 days.

4. In view of the above facts and circumstances, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail at this stage. The petitioner shall remain in

judicial custody until pronouncement of the judgment by the learned Trial Court. Hence, this Court finds no merit in the Criminal Petition, and the same is liable to be dismissed.

5. In the result, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

As a sequel, Miscellaneous petitions, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

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