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

TUESDAY, THE 17th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION Nos: 10076/2026 and 9661/2026

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 10076 of 2026:

Between:

1. MADDURI SITARAMA REDDY, S/O KONDAREDDY, AGED 49 YEARS,R/O AGRAHARAM, GUNTUR TOWN,GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 004.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AT HIGH COURT OF A.PFOR S.H.O. SAMISRAGUDEM POLICE STATION,EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.
2. CHEKURI VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA RAJU, S/O LATE SUBHASH CHENDRA BOSS, AGED 63 YEARS,OCC BUSINESS, R/O PENDYALA VILLAGE,NIDADAVOLE MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT- 534 329.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. YADAVALLI RAMESH

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant(S):

1. C SUNIL KUMAR REDDY
2. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9661/2026

Between:

1. SHAIK MASTAN VALI, S/O. BASHA, AGED 45 YEARS, OCC. NOT KNOWN,R/O. 95-19-809, 1ST LANE, AKULAVARI THOTA,GUNTUR TOWN, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 004
2. MOHAMMED ASIF AHMAD, S/O. ABDUL RASHEED, AGED 48 YEARS, OCC. NOT KNOWN,R/O. 10-37-2, NIDUMULLAPALEM, CHANDOLE,PITTAVANIPAEM, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 329.
3. SHAIK NIZAMUDDIN, S/O. ABDUL RAZAK,AGED 40 YEARS, OCC. NOT KNOWN,R/O. OLD GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 001.
4. SHAIK KHAJA SHAREEF, S/O. ALLABAKSH,AGED 40 YEARS, OCC. NOT KNOWN,R/O. 26-20-32, 7TH LANE, SHANTI NAGAR,GUNTUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT-522 004.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI.
2. CHEKURI VEERA VENKATA SATYANARAYANA RAJU, S/O LATE SUBHASH CHENDRA BOSS,AGED 63 YEARS,OCCBUSINESS,R/O.PENDYALA VILLAGE,NIDADAVOLE MANDAL,EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT-534329.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. NAGA PRAVEEN VANKAYALAPATI

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant(S):

1. C SUNIL KUMAR REDDY
2. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

COMMON ORDER:

These Criminal Petitions have been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 on bail in Crime No.122 of 2026 of Samisrigudem Police Station, East Godavari District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 329(4), 324(4), 109(1) read with 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNS'),

2. Sri Ganta Ramarao, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Mr. Naga Praveen Vankayalapati, learned Counsel for the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 9, 11 and 14 and Mr. Yadavalli Ramesh, learned Counsel for the Petitioner/Accused No.8 submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offence and have been falsely implicated by the police. It is further submitted that the Petitioners are the sole earning members of their families and, therefore, their incarceration would cause undue hardship to their dependents. The Petitioners undertake to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, it is urged to allow the Petition.

3. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Sai Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioners, submitting that the investigation is still underway and several material witnesses remain to be examined. It is contended that if the Petitioners are released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that they may abscond, thereby hampering

the ongoing investigation and evading the process of law and urged to dismiss the Petition.

4. Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

5. On perusal of the record, this Court in Criminal Petition No.9750 of 2026, on 11.11.2026 granted bail to Accused No.4. Similarly, this Court in Criminal Petition No.9880 of 2026 granted bail to Accused No.3, dated 11.11.2026. The de-facto complainant is the person appointed as the in charge of the rice mill by one Sri Chekuri Veera Venkata Satya Surya Narayana Raju @ Suri Babu, who is one of the directors of M/s MS Pride Pack Limited. The de-facto complainant in his complaint alleges that Pride Pack Limited has become a successful bidder in the E-auction conducted under the authority of the NCLT and purchased the same for a sum of Rs.13,99,00,000/-. The subject property is a rice mill in the name and style of M/s.Ananda Lakshmi Narayana Private Limited situated in Samisrigudem, which consists of Ac.10.03 cents of land with machinery. The de-facto complainant further alleges that A1 and A2, who were the erstwhile owners of the rice mill threatened one of the directors of M/s. MS Pride Pack Limited, stating that they would kill them if any auction was conducted in respect of the property. The complaint was not lodged by the Official Liquidator concerned. On 2.08.2026, the Liquidator handed over the sale certificate to the director.

6. The de-facto complainant further alleges that Accused Nos.1 and 2 threatened that unless the property was handed over to them, they would kill

the de facto complainant and others, claiming that they had previously been involved in murder cases. The de-facto complainant further alleges that on 11.09.2026 at about 2.30 P.M security guards of the subject property made a phone call and informed him that Accused Nos.1 and 2, along with 20 to 40 other persons, had come to the rice mill and obstructed them from discharging their duties by issuing threats. On account of the said threats, the security guards became frightened and fled from the premises.

7. The de-facto complainant further alleged he rushed to the rice mill and noticed that some vehicles were stationed at the rice mill. He observed that, when he entered rice mill shutters had been broken and that Accused Nos.1 and 2, along with three other persons were staying there. They questioned the de-facto complainant as to how he had entered the premises and threatened him with the dire consequences and to vacate the property. The de-facto complainant further alleges that Accused Nos.1 and 2 came along with a supari gang from Guntur and vacate the premises. No injuries have been sustained by any of the witnesses of the prosecution including the de-facto complainant.

8. Petitioners were arrested on 12.09.2026 and they have been in judicial custody for the past 66 days. The alleged offences are punishable under Sections 329(4), 324(4), 109(1) read with Section 190 of ‘the BNS.’ No injuries have been sustained by any witnesses.

9. The Petitioners are permanent residents of Guntur District. They have got fixed abode. If the Petitioners are enlarged on bail subject to stringent

conditions, there is no likelihood of their absconding, threatening the witnesses, tampering with the evidence or hampering the further course of investigation.

10. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations leveled against the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14, this Court is inclined to enlarge them on bail, subject to the following stringent conditions:

> i. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall be enlarged on bail subject to their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial First Class Magistrate, Nidadavolu.
> ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 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 Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
> iv. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall not enter the premises of the de-facto complainant and shall not enter the village where the rice mill is situated.
> v. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
> vi. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case and shall make themselves available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.
> vii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 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 them from disclosing such facts to the Court.

viii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall surrender their passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer, if they claim that they do not have passport, they shall submit an affidavit to that effect before the Investigating Officer.

ix. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 8, 9, 11 and 14 shall furnish their permanent and temporary address details to the Investigating Officer/Station House Officer concerned.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date:17.11.2026.
VMM/SKB

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

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