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

THURSDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9909/2026

Between:

1. SIRIPIREDDY SATYAVENI, W/O. VENKATESWARA RAO, AGED 48 YEARS, R/O. FLATNO. TIL, NAVARAGA APARTMENT, VIDIYALA VARI STREET, RAMANAYYAPETA,KAKINADA, KAKINADA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGHCOURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, HIGH COURT BUILDINGS AT NELAPADU, GUNTURDISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH. SHO, SARPAVARAM POLICE STATAION

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. V SAI KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:
ORDER:

Criminal Petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS') by the Petitioner/Accused No.1 for granting of pre-arrest bail in connection with

Crime No.288 of 2026 of Sarpavaram Police Station, Kakinada District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 124(1) and 109(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNS').

2. Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

3. Mr. V. Sai Kumar, the learned Counsel for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence and has been falsely implicated in this case. The Petitioner has not committed any offence. She is a law-abiding citizen. She has got fixed abode. The Petitioner undertakes to strictly abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court while granting pre-arrest bail. Hence, it is urged to allow the Criminal Petition.

4. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Sai Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, vehemently opposed the grant of pre-arrest 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 pre-arrest bail, 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.

5. Upon perusal of the record, it is evident that the allegation against the Petitioner is that she poured acid on the de-facto complainant, who sustained second-degree burn injuries. It is further stated that the incident was captured on CCTV footage. Thus, the allegations against the petitioner are well founded.

6. The remedy of pre-arrest bail, being an extraordinary and discretionary relief, cannot be granted to the Petitioner against whom specific overt acts are attributed. Grant of pre-arrest bail to the Petitioner is neither a license for commission of serious offence nor a shield or protection for having committed grave offences, as per the decisions of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia v. State of Punjab**[1] and **Sushila Aggarwal v. State (NCT of Delhi)** [2] . Therefore, the request for grant of pre-arrest bail to the Petitioner/Accused No.1, does not appear to be convincing or reasonable. Hence, the Criminal Petition is devoid of merit and is liable to be dismissed.

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

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

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 12.11.2026
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[1] (1980) 2 SCC 565
[2] (2020) 5 SCC 1

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