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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

[3521]

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

SATURDAY, THE 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9908/2026

Between:

D VENNELA, W/O D.YUVARAJ, AGED ABOUT 32YEARS, RESIDING AT H.NO.2-80, NAYANICHERUVUVILLAGE, THUMMINDAPALYEM POST, CHITTOORRURAL MANDAL, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, THROUGHS.H.O OF CHITTOOR TALUK P.S. CHITTOOR, REP.BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGHCOURT OFANDHRAPRADESH AT AMARVATHI.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. DEVIPRASAD P

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following

ORDER :

The 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.65 of 2026 of Chittoor Taluk Police Station, Chittoor, registered for the alleged offence punishable under Section 109(1) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, "the BNS").

2. The case in brief of the prosecution is as under:

On 03.07.2026 at about 1.30 a.m., while the complainant/ M.Vinayakam was sleeping on a cot on his agricultural field at Nayanicheruvu Village, accused Nos.1 to 3 and others allegedly came there covering their faces with masks and carrying chilli powder. They attempted to kill him by strangulating him with a bed sheet and beating him on his nose. When the complainant fell from the cot, resisted the attack and raised cries, his mother and younger brother switched on the lights and came out of the house. On seeing them, the accused escaped in an Innova car after threatening to kill the complainant and his family. The complainant sustained a bleeding injury on his nose and abrasions on his back and right leg. The alleged motive was an ancestral land and house dispute between the families. It was further alleged that, about 20 days before the incident, accused Nos.1 to 3 had threatened to kill the

complainant in connection with the same dispute. Based on the report of the complainant, police registered the case.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor and learned Legal-Aid Counsel for respondent No.2. Perused the record.

4. Now the point for consideration is:

"Whether the Petitioner is entitled for grant of pre-arrest bail?"

5. This Court by order, dated 13.11.2026 dismissed the Criminal Petition filed by A.1 who is husband of the petitioner/A.2 vide Crl.P. No.8029 of 2026. There are specific overt acts against the petitioner.

6. Be that as it may, the allegations against the petitioner are that he attempted to kill the victim. The victim sustained simple injuries, including an injury to his nose caused by a fist blow, and was also allegedly strangulated. Mirchi powder and monkey masks were seized at the scene of offence. Prima facie, allegations have been made against the petitioner and the other accused that they attempted to take the life of respondent No. 2. Therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required. If necessary, a Test Identification Parade may also be conducted before the concerned Judicial Magistrate.

7. In view of the specific overt acts attributed against the petitioner/Accused No.2, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, as it would amount to giving a shield, protection or licence to the petitioner in respect of the specific allegations leveled against her, as per the judgments of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **Gurbaksh Singh Sibbia v. State of Panjab [1]and Sushila Aggarwal v. State of (NCT of Delhi)[2].**

8. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations, and the material available on record, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner/Accused No.1. Accordingly, this Court finds no merit in the Criminal Petition, and the same is liable to be dismissed.

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

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

DR.Y.LAKSHMANARAO,J

Date : 23.11.2026
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[1] (1980) 2 SCC 565
[2] (2020) 5 SCC 1

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