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

WEDNESDAY, THE 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10054/2026

Between:

LANJAPALLI SUDEER ALIAS LANJIPALLI SUDHEER, ,S/OPRAKASH, AGED 24 YEARS,SELF-EMPLOYEE, PETTY BUSINESS, R/O D.NO. 2-72/1, PIDIMGOYYA VILLAGE,MORAMPUDI RURAL, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RURAL MANDAL, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF ANDHRAPRADESHSTATION HOUSE OFFICER, SEETANAGARAM POLICE STATION,EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

SAMBHU PRASAD PEDIREDDI

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

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.2, seeking grant of pre-arrest bail in connection with Crime No.67 of 2026 of Seethanagaram Police Station, East Godavari District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 109(1), 115(2) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNS').

2. Mr.Sambhuprasad Pedireddi, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and has been falsely implicated by the police. It is further submitted that the petitioner is the sole earning member of the family and, therefore, his incarceration would cause undue hardship to his dependants. He is a law-abiding citizen.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is a resident of Pidimgoyya Village, whereas the de-facto complainant is residing in another village, which is about 15 kilometres away. The petitioner enjoys a good reputation in the village. Due to civil disputes between the petitioner and the de-facto complainant, a false case has been foisted against the petitioner, implicating her as Accused

No.2. Accused Nos.1 and 3 have already been enlarged on bail. The Petitioner undertakes to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. In light of the foregoing submissions, the learned counsel prays that the present petition be allowed in the interest of justice.

4. *Per contra*, Mr. A. Sai Rohith, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently oppose the grant of pre-arrest bail to the Petitioner and submits that there are specific overt acts are attributed to the petitioner. It is alleged that Accused No.2 caught hold of both hands of the de-facto complainant from behind, while the other accused attacked the de-facto complainant. Hence, he prays for dismissal of the petition.

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

6. As seen from the record, the petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.2. It is further alleged that Accused No.3 stabbed the de-facto complainant with a knife on the right rib region, while Accused No.1 caused injuries to the eye region, lips and stomach. The de-facto complainant sustained bleeding injuries. The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor further submits that the wound certificate has not yet been received and that the investigation is at a progressive stage. On perusal

of the statements of the de-facto complainant recorded by the police, specific overt acts are attributed to the petitioner/Accused No.2.

7. In view of the specific overt acts attributed against the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, as it would amount to giving a shield, or protection or licence to the petitioner against whom specific allegations have been made, 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. 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: 18.11.2026
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[1] **(1980) 2 SCC 565**
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