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

THURSDAY, THE 26th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10126/2026

Between:

1. KALIDINDI APARNA, W/O NAGA SURESH RAJU, AGED ABOUT 32 YEARS, OCC SOFTWAREEMPLOYEE, R/O NAVATHA TRANSPORT, 1ST FLOOR, VANGAYAGUDEM, ELURU DISTRICT,ANDHRA PRADESH - 534002

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.2

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLICPROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, VELAGAPUDI,AMARAVATHI, ANDHRA PRADESH
2. POTHUBOYINA SATYANARAYANA, S/O NARAYANA, AGED ABOUT 60YEARS, THOTLAVALLURU VILLAGE, THOTLAVALLURU MANDAL, KRISHNADISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT(S):

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. SRINIVASULU P

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant(S):

1. VALLEPU PAVAN KUMAR
2. GOPE SRIKANTH
3. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

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.2 on bail in Crime No.188 of 2026 of Thotlavalluru Police Station, Krishn District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 85 and 108 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, 'the BNS').

2. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner; learned counsel for Respondent No.2; the learned Legal Aid Counsel for Respondent No.2; and learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

3. Sri P. Srinivasulu, learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case. She has not committed any offence. The Petitioner is the married sister of Accused No.1 and has been residing separately with her husband and minor children. She is a law-abiding citizen. The Petitioner undertakes to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, it is urged to allow the Criminal Petition.

4. *Per contra,* Mr. Gope Srikanth, learned counsel for Respondent No.2 and Mr. Vallepu Pavan Kumar, learned Legal Aid Counsel for Respondent No.2 vehemently opposed the bail application. They submit that the investigation is still in progress and that, if the Petitioner is enlarged on bail, there is every likelihood of her interfering with the investigation, threatening or influencing

witnesses, and tampering with the evidence. It is further contended that specific overt acts are attributed against the Petitioner and that she actively abetted the deceased in committing suicide. Reliance is placed on the suicide note allegedly left by the deceased, wherein allegations have been made against the Petitioner. Hence, it is urged to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

5. Mr. A. Sai Rohith, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submits that the deceased left behind a suicide note before committing suicide. As per the contents thereof, the Petitioner and other accused persons allegedly instigated Accused No.1 to get rid of the deceased and perform another marriage. It is further submitted that the deceased stated in the suicide note that Accused No.1, acting upon the instigation of the Petitioner and other family members, used to harass and assault her. Therefore, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail and urged for dismissal of the Criminal Petition.

6. Thoughtful consideration has been bestowed on the arguments advanced by the learned Counsel for both sides. I have perused the entire record.

7. Now, the point for consideration is:

“Whether the Petitioner/Accused No.2 is entitled to grant of bail?”

8. As seen from the record, the Petitioner is the sister-in-law of the deceased and is aged about 32 years. She has two minor children aged about two and four years respectively. The Petitioner is employed as a Software

Engineer in a private software company at Hyderabad and is presently working from home while residing at Eluru. She is residing separately with her husband.

9. The marriage between the deceased and Accused No.1 was solemnized in the year 2025. Subsequently, Accused No.1 filed a petition for restitution of conjugal rights. According to the prosecution, after receipt of summons in the said proceedings, the deceased committed suicide.

10. The deceased is stated to have left a suicide note alleging that, after marriage, she was subjected to mental harassment by Accused No.1 and his family members. It is alleged that the mother, sister and maternal aunt of Accused No.1 continuously instigated him against her and, on account of such instigation, Accused No.1 used to harass and beat her. The deceased further alleged that the Petitioner and her mother had informed Accused No.1 that they would perform another marriage for him by abandoning the deceased. The deceased also alleged that Accused No.1 maintained an extramarital relationship with another woman.

11. In the report lodged by Respondent No.2 with the police after the death of his daughter, it is stated that he has two daughters and that the deceased was one of them. It is further stated that the deceased had earlier contracted a marriage, which ended in divorce on the ground of the alleged impotence of her first husband.

12. The Petitioner was arrested on 09.10.2026 and has been in the judicial custody for the past 48 days. The Petitioner is a permanent resident of Eluru District. She has got fixed abode.

13. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.2, and particularly the nature of the alleged abetment, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

14. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

> i. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall be enlarged on bail subject to her executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Vuyyuru, Krishna District.
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> ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 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.
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> iii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
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> v. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
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> vi. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case and shall make herself available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.

vii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 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 him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court.

viii. The Petitioner/Accused No.2 shall surrender her passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer. If she claims that she does not have a passport, she shall submit an affidavit to that effect before the Investigating Officer.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 26.11.2026
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