

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT
HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1649 of 2026

DATE: 19.02.2026

Between:

Guguloth Seetharam

.... Petitioner/
Accused No.2

AND

The State of Telangana,
Represented by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad. Through Station House Officer,
Police Station Mahabubabad Town

.... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This criminal petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused No.2 seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.532 of 2025 of Mahabubabad Town Police Station, Mahabubabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 103(1), 109, 115(2) and 296(b) read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police on 12.12.2025, stating that his sister, was married to accused No.1 and has two children and soon after marriage, accused No.1, parents and sister of accused No.1 began harassing his sister for additional dowry. A case was registered for the offence under Sections 85 BNS & 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961. Later, a panchayat was held where accused No.1 and his parents promised to take care of her, but the harassment continued. On 11.12.2025, accused No.1 and his parents attempted to kill the complainant's sister by beating her. She escaped and informed her father. When the complainant and his father reached Military Colony at about 23:10 hrs, accused No.1 attacked the complainant, while his parents assaulted his father. They beat him, pressed his testicles, and abused them. His father fell unconscious and was taken to the Government Hospital, where despite CPR, he was declared dead. Consequently, the complainant requested the police to take necessary action. Based on his complaint, a case was registered for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri P. Keshava Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is in judicial custody since 13.12.2025 and as on today, more than 60 days, the petitioner is in jail and the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case and there are no specific allegations leveled against this petitioner and the entire investigation has already been completed and he is the father of accused No.1. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations against the petitioner herein are serious in nature and there are no changed circumstances from the dismissal order of the earlier criminal petition. Therefore, he prayed that the Court dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner is arrayed as accused No.2 and he is in jail since 13.12.2025. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the age of the petitioner, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration and also the allegations against the petitioner, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner-Accused No.2, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge at Mahabubabad.
 - ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
 - iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).
7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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