

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3001 of 2026

DATE: 10.03.2026

Between:

Guguloth Gandhi Babu

.... Petitioner/
Accused No.1

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.1 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, he is in jail for the past more than 88 days and earlier the bail petition was dismissed by this Court and as on today, no charge sheet is filed and the entire investigation has already been completed including the receiving of FSL and PME report. It is further submitted that the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor filed counter opposing the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations against the petitioner herein are serious in nature and the investigation is not yet completed and if the petitioner is released on bail, there is every chance of threatening the witnesses, as such, he is not entitled for the bail. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner herein is in jail since 13.12.2025. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 16 have already been examined. Further, as seen from the counter averments, no charge sheet is filed till today. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and also that the charge sheet is not filed, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner, 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 Monday 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 applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

Date: 10.03.2026
TU

K. SUJANA, J

THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3001 OF 2026

DATE : 10.03.2026

TU