

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3044 of 2026

DATE: 06.03.2026

Between:

Jella Ramesh and others

....Petitioners/Accused Nos.9, 12 to 23

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
Through SHO, PS Medak Town,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent/complainant

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.9, 12 to 23 in FIR No.61 of 2026 of Medak Town Police Station, Medak District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 109, 126(2), 74, 171(2)(a), r/w 3(5) of BNS, 3(1)(r)(s), 3(2)(v)(va) of SC/ST (POA) Act, 2015.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the complainant, Smt. Godala Akhila, who had recently completed her GNM

course, alleged that she was being harassed and pressurized by Mallikarjun Goud, his associates, and BRS party members to work for their political interests. On 09.02.2026 at about 22:00 hours, when she refused, she was subjected to caste-based abuse in public. Distressed, she informed Medak MLA Sri Mainampally Rohit. Later, at around 00:15 hours, when the MLA was proceeding to her residence, his vehicle was wrongfully restrained and attacked with granite stones by the accused, causing damage to the vehicle and injuries to those inside. During the incident, the accused also assaulted Naresh Goud, a Congress candidate, and outraged the modesty of Smt. Thagaram Priyanka. The police registered Cr.No.61/2026 under relevant provisions of the BNS and SC/ST (POA) Act, seized material evidence, and arrested several accused persons.

3. Heard Sri R. Chandrashekar Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent -State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners is innocent of the said allegations and they are in

jail since 18.02.2026 and there are no specific overt acts against the petitioners to constitute any of the offences and even according to the prosecution, the injured persons sustained simple injuries, therefore, Section 109 of the BNS is not applicable to the present case and the material part of the investigation was already completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to them by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioners stating that the petitioners along with other accused formed unlawful offence with an intention to kill the MLA, who is the public representative and also attacked the car by pelting stones, due to which, the other persons who are along with the MLA also sustained injuries and also damaged the car of the MLA. Further, the investigation is not yet completed and 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 petitioners herein are in jail since

18.02.2026. As seen from the record, though offences under the SC/ST Act have been registered based on the complaint of the de-facto complainant, the said allegations constitute only to accused No.1 and there are no such allegations against the petitioners herein to constitute the offences under SC/ST act and the petitioners herein are in jail for the past 18 days. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 18 have already been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- each (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned First Class Magistrate, at Medak District.
- ii. The petitioners 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 petitioners 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.

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