

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3220 of 2026

DATE: 16.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Mekala Dhasu @ Mekala Dasu and 10 others

..... Petitioners/Accused
Nos.15 to 25

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.
Through P.S. Ramakrishnapur

..... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.15 to 25 in Crime No.40 of 2026 before the Ramakrishnapur Police Station, Ramagundam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 189(3), 191(2), 191(3), 121(2), 223 of BNS read with 190 of BNSS.

2. The facts of the case are that the de facto complainant, the Sub-Inspector of Police of Devapur Police Station, lodged a report on 17.02.2026 at 2:00 p.m. stating that, as per the instructions of superior officers, he along with other police personnel was on bandobast duty in connection with the election of the Municipal Chairman and Vice Chairman of Kyathanpalli Municipality. During the said duty, certain BRS Party activists, including former MLA Sri Balka Suman, Mula Raji Reddy, Dodisela Rajaramesh, Anil (resident of Chennur), Gajula Chandra Kiran, Medipalli Sampath, Gogula Ravinder Reddy, and others belonging to BRS and CPI parties, arrived at the venue in vehicles. When the police prevented the vehicles from entering Kyathanpalli, the said persons allegedly argued with the complainant. At that time, Hon'ble Minister Sri Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy and Sri Gaddam Vamshi were proceeding to the Municipal Office, Kyathanpalli, to exercise their ex-officio vote. It is alleged that the above-named persons raised slogans against Congress Party activists and pelted stones, during which D. Rakesh, PC-4494 of PS Chennur, sustained a severe head injury and S. Rajashekar, Sub-Inspector of Police, Kotapalli, sustained an injury to his finger. Based on the said complaint, the police registered an FIR for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri T.V. Ramana Rao, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that petitioners are innocent and have not committed any offence as alleged. They have been falsely implicated at the behest of the ruling party leaders due to political rivalry, allegedly on the basis of the statements of WPC-3089 M. Vanitha of PS CCC Naspur and HC-2081 of PS Tallagurijala and that in the recent municipal elections to Kyathanpalli Municipality, BRS secured 10 wards and CPI secured 4 wards, and all 14 members extended support to BRS, thereby constituting a majority in the 22-member municipality. When the 14 ward members proceeded to the Municipal Office on 16.02.2026 to cast their votes for the election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, a large police force was deployed and allegedly obstructed their entry, resulting in postponement of the meeting to 17.02.2026. On 17.02.2026, a similar situation allegedly occurred, and the meeting was again postponed to 18.02.2026. He further contended that during this period, Congress Party workers gathered at the venue and created

disturbances, and that the police acted under the influence of the ruling party leadership, including the Hon'ble Minister Sri Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy, local MLA of Chennur Assembly Constituency and that the petitioners were arrayed as Accused Nos.15 to 25 and are alleged for the offences punishable under Sections 189(3), 191(2), 191(3), 121(2), 223, 132, 74 read with 190 of the BNS and that the allegations are politically motivated and that the law and order situation was mishandled for political reasons. Hence, prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail stating that the petitioners intentionally attacked on the police personnel while they were discharging their duties. The petitioners herein along with other accused pelted stones on the police personnel due to which LW.5-D. Rakesh, police constable sustained grievous injury on his forehead and Lw.2-S.Rajashekar, S.I of Police of P.S.Kotapalli sustained an injury to his right hand index finger. The injured police official is in critical condition and he is in ICU and undergoing treatment. Hence, petitioners are not entitled for bail and prayed to dismiss these criminal petitions.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is the contention of the petitioners that they are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the present case and that at the time of remand of Accused Nos.1, 2, 4 and 8 on 18.02.2026 and accused Nos.10 and 11 on 23.02.2026, the names of the present petitioners did not find place in the remand report. However, subsequently, at the time of remand of Accused Nos.6, 9 and 14, their names were included, allegedly with a view to harass them on account of political rivalry. The allegation against the petitioners is based on the statement of a woman constable, who stated that the petitioners pushed and misbehaved with her. There are no specific allegations attributing to the petitioners any act of pelting stones at public servants. Having regard to the nature of the allegations this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners-accused Nos.15 to 25 subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Ramakrishnapur Police Station, Ramagundam District within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release the petitioners on bail on their

executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each with two sureties, for the like sum each.

ii. The petitioners shall appear before the concerned SHO between 09.00 a.m. and 05.00 p.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier and thereafter, as and when required.

iii. The petitioners shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482 (2) of BNSS and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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