

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3463 of 2026

DATE: 16.03.2026

Between:

Vundyala Srinivas Reddy @ Srinivas Reddy and others
...Petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad and another.

.... Respondents/de-facto Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.1 to 3 in FIR No.61 of 2026 of Nagarkurnool Police Station, Nagarkurnool District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 115(2), 109(1), 352, 351(2), r/w 3(5) of the BNS and Section 3(1)(r)(s) and Section 3(2)(v) of the SC-STs POA Amendment Act, 2015.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 22.02.2026, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that, on 18.02.2026, the Defacto Complainant along with her family members went to Kummera Jathara and for temple darshan, where the Petitioner/Accused No.1 asked Rs.100/- for temple darshan, upon which she refused. As such, the Petitioner/Accused No.1 abused her in filthy language in the name of her caste and pushed her on the ground by holding her saree, due to which she felt insulted and informed the matter to her husband, upon which, her husband went to the Petitioner/Accused No.1 and questioned about his acts, Meanwhile, the Petitioners/Accused Nos.2, 3 and the Accused Nos.5 to 9 caught hold her husband/Chilikeshwaram Ganesh, dragged him into the coconut room near the temple and the Petitioner/Accused No.1 beat him with mop rod on his legs, hands and back and caused bleeding injuries. The petitioner/ Accused No.2 beat Ganesh with coconut on his head, due to which his teeth were dislocated. Immediately, the victim woman went to the Petitioner/ Accused No.1 and requested to leave her husband, but the

Petitioner/Accused No.2 kicked her two months baby away from them, due to which the baby sustained injuries and later died while undergoing treatment. The Petitioner/Accused No.4 abused the victim in filthy language and threatened to kill them and the two months baby and pushed her on the ground by holding her tuft. Hence, the complainant requested to take necessary action. Basing on the said complaint, the police registered a case for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri T. Sanjay Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent No.1-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners herein are accused Nos.1 to 3 and there is no such incident took place and in fact, the infant baby was not present at the scene of offence and they are falsely implicated in the present case and they are in jail since 22.02.2026 and also recorded 183 statement, which itself clearly shows that no such incident took place and the

infant baby was not present at the scene of offence, to attract the offence punishable under Section 109(1) of the BNS. 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 allegations against the petitioners herein are serious and heinous in nature and the investigation is not yet completed, as such, at this stage, they are not entitled for the bail 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 22.02.2026 and the petitioners also filed statements recorded by the police in this case, which shows that the presence of the de-facto complainant is suspicious. Further, as seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 9 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 and the nature of the injuries, 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/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Principal Sessions Judge, Nagarkurnool.
- 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).
- iv. The petitioners shall not contact the de-facto complainant.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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