

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3511 of 2026

DATE: 16.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Sangem Vishnuvardhan Reddy
and 3 others.

... Petitioners/
A.4, A.7 to A.9

And

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

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners/accused Nos.4, 7 to 9 in Crime No.61 of 2026 of Nagar Kurnool Police Station, Nagarkurnool District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 115 (2), 109(1), 352, 351(2) read with 3 (5) of the BNS and Section 3 (1)(r)(s) and Section 3 (2)(v) of the SCs&STs (POA) Amendment Act, 2015.

2. Heard Sri T.Sanjay Reddy learned counsel for the petitioners/A.4, 7 to 9 and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the *de facto* complainant lodged a complainant on 18.02.2026 wherein it is stated that the petitioner along with other accused humiliated the *de facto* complainant and her husband and also manhandled her husband by the accused persons. As such the complainant requested the police to take necessary action against the accused persons. Basing on the said complaint, police registered a case for the aforesaid offences.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that initially the case was registered under SCs.STs Act, since the complainant and her family members belong to BC-A community, police filed a memo to delete the provisions of Section 3 (1)(r)(s) and 3 (2)(v) of the SCs/STs(POA) Act Amendment Act, 2015 from the F.I.R.; that all the allegations levelled against A.1 to A.3 only and there is no specific allegation against the present

petitioners. He further submits that the 161 Cr.P.C. statements of the witnesses show that the *de facto* complainant and infant were not present at the scene of offence at the time of incident and only a false case has been foisted against these petitioners and he prays to grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and contended that as the allegations levelled against the petitioners are severe in nature, custodial interrogation is required in this case and hence, the petitioners are not entitled for grant of bail and hence, he prays to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by both the parties and on perusal of the material on record and statement of witnesses, who stated that the *de facto* complainant and infant were not present at the scene of offence on the date of incident, this Court is inclined to grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Nagarkurnool Police Station, Nagarkurnool District, within two (2) weeks from today, and on such surrender, the

petitioners shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)each with two sureties for a like sum each.

(ii) After release, the petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier, and thereafter, as and when required.

(iii) The petitioners shall not contact the complainant during the course of trial or visit their village.

(iv) The petitioners shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 16.03.2026

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