

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3960 OF 2026

DATE: 24.03.2026

BETWEEN:

Dharavath Vinod Kumar.

... Petitioner/
Accused No.1

And

The State of Telangana,
represented by its Public Prosecutor
High Court for the State of Telangana
Hyderabad.

... Respondent

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 petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.32 of 2026 on the file of Miryalaguda Rural Police Station, Nalgonda District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 118 (1), 351(2) read with 3 (5) of the BNS.

2. Heard Sri N.Vishal, learned counsel for the petitioner-accused No.1 and Sri E.Ganesh, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the *de facto* complainant came to the police station and lodged a report on 17.12.2015, wherein it is stated that her marriage was performed with the petitioner as per their customs prevailed in Hindu community. At the time of her marriage, her parents presented 50 lakhs net cash, 35 tulas gold, 5 guntas open place and other house hold articles to the petitioner. After marriage, the petitioner started harassing her both physically and mentally demanding for additional dowry, for which her parents gave Rs.3.00 lakhs. Even then, the petitioner has been harassing her for additional dowry and unable to bear the same, she registered cases against the petitioner. It is stated that registering cases, the petitioner stating he will look after well and requested to withdraw all the cases. On that premise, she withdrew all the cases. But, the against the petitioner started harassing her. Hence, she requested the police to take necessary against the said complaint. Basing on the same, police registered a case for the aforesaid offences.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner-accused No.1 would submit that since the punishment prescribed for offences alleged against the petitioners are below seven years, police issued notice under Section 35 (3) of the BNSS 2023 to the

petitioner; that in spite of the same, investigating authority are calling the petitioner to the police and threatening him at the instance of the complainant, as such requested the Court to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and submits that notice under Section 35 (3) of the BNSS was already served on the petitioner along back, there is no necessary to grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioner and hence, he prays to dismiss the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for both parties and perusal of the material on record, it appears that the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioner is below seven years and even after serving notice under Section 35 (3) of the BNSS, there is threat to the petitioner calling him to police station at the instance of the complainant, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner-accused No.1 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Police Station, Miryalaguda Rural Police Station, Nalgonda District, within two (2) weeks from today, and on such surrender, the petitioner shall be released on bail on executing a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each.

(ii) On such release, the petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Wednesday between

09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., for a period of eight (8) weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier, and thereafter, as and when required.

(iii) The petitioner 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, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 24.03.2026

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