

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4477 OF 2026

DATE : 13.04.2026

Between:

Bedurkar Sumith & two others

....Petitioners/A.1 to A.3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep., by the Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad
(through the Sub Inspector of Police,
P.S.Bela, Adilabad District)

..... Respondent

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 seeking the Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners in the event of their arrest in connection with Cr.No.37 of 2026 of Bela Police Station, Adilabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 118(2) r/w.3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS') and under Section 3(2)(va) of the

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 05.02.2026, the complainant, Dadanje Shankar, lodged a complaint stating that due to prior disputes, an argument arose on 04.02.2026 between his brother Sandeep and their neighbour Sumith over a video call. Later, Sumith, along with his father Achutha and brother Amith, came to their house and, during the quarrel, Achutha and Amith held Sandeep while Sumith assaulted him with a stone and also beat their mother Radhabai with a stick when she intervened, causing injuries. The complaint was lodged after a delay as the injured were taken to the hospital for treatment. Hence, requested the police to take necessary action against the accused. Basing on the said complaint, the Police registered the case against the accused for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri Soma Ravi Kiran Reddy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent – State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that petitioners are innocent and they have been falsely implicated in the present case. The allegations made against the petitioners in FIR are vague and general and there is no independent corroboration of averments made in the complaint. He further contended that there is no allegation in the FIR that petitioners committed any offence on the ground that the complainant or his family members belong to SC or ST community and that the alleged incident arose out of a personal dispute regarding a video call and is not related to the caste identity. He further contended that the alleged injuries suffered by the injured or simple in nature as such, custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not necessary. Hence, prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending the petitioners assaulted the brother of complainant and his mother. The case is under investigation and that no other crimes are pending against the petitioners. If petitioners are granted bail, they may threaten the victims and witnesses. Hence, petitioners are not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and on perusal of the material available on record, the allegation against the petitioners show that there was a sudden quarrel between the parties with regard to a video call and there is no mention in the complaint that as the complainant and his family belongs to SC/ST community, the petitioners herein attacked the brother of complainant. Considering the allegations against the petitioners, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions :

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Bela Police Station, Adilabad 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 Monday 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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