

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4691 of 2026

DATE: 07.04.2026

Between:

Pannalal Arun Choudary

...Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad,
Through SHO, Raidurgam Police Station,
Cyberabad Commissionerate.

.... Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the Petitioner who is arrayed as accused No.1 in FIR No.730 of 2025 of Raidurgam Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Section 80 of the BNS and Sections 3 and 4 of the DP Act.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, initially, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that her daughter committed suicide by consuming unknown poison substance and was admitted to the Hospital and later, while undergoing treatment, the duty doctor declared that she had died. Basing on the said complaint, initially the police registered a case for the offence under Section 194 of the BNS. Later on examining the witnesses, the police registered a case for the offences punishable under Section 80 of the BNS and Sections 3 and 4 of the DP Act. In the statement of LW-1, who is the mother of the victim, she stated that the petitioner herein along with other accused demanded additional dowry and harassed the deceased, as such, she committed suicide.

3. Heard Smt. K. Chithanya, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and initially in

the report they have not mentioned the dowry given to the petitioner and harassment with regard to the demand of additional dowry and he is in jail since 28.01.2026 and the material part of the investigation was already completed and further the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required in the present case. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to him by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations against the petitioner herein are grievous in nature and the statements of the witnesses clearly shows that the petitioner along with other accused mentally and physically harassed the victim, as such, she committed suicide, as such, he is not entitled for the bail. Therefore, he 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 petitioner herein is in jail since 28.01.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, the prosecution witnesses, LWs 1 to 18 have already been examined. It is further noted that the allegations against the petitioner pertain to harassment of the victim for additional dowry; however, such allegations were not mentioned in the initial report and were disclosed only after a lapse of four months from the recording of the statements of the witnesses. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional District and

Sessions Judge, Ranga Reddy
District at Rajendra Nagar.

- ii. The petitioner 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 petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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