

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5394 OF 2026

DATE : 27.04.2026

Between:

Bakam Sampath & another

....Petitioners/A.1 & A.2

AND

The State of Telangana

..... Respondent/Complainant

: ORDER :

This criminal petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioners/A.1 and A.2 seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.83 of 2026 of Nizamabad (Rural) Police Station, Nizamabad District. The offence alleged against the petitioner are under Section 118(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The facts of the case are that on 04.03.2026 at about 9:00 PM, the complainant- Gundrapu Rajashekar of Gopanpally, Nizamabad lodged a report before police stating that on the same day, after celebrating the Holi festival, the complainant

along with his friends went to take a bath in water tanks used for providing drinking water to buffaloes. At about 3:30 PM, one Sampath and Mahender came there, abused them, and questioned as to why they were bathing in the water meant for the buffaloes. Thereafter, Mahender allegedly picked up an axe from the buffalo shed and attacked the complainant, while the other accused beat him and his friends with sticks. When one Sunkari Nagaraju tried to rescue the complainant, he also sustained a bleeding injury near his left eye. Subsequently, the injured persons were shifted to the hospital for treatment. Hence, requested the police to take necessary action against the accused basing on which the presence crime is registered.

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

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that petitioners are innocent and not involved in the commission of the alleged offence. It is submitted that the petitioners are engaged in dairy farm business for their livelihood, and on the date of incident they found the de facto complainant and his

friends in an intoxicated condition, contaminating the water meant for drinking by buffaloes. When the petitioners questioned and reprimanded them, a petty quarrel ensued, and while the complainant and his friends were being chased away, some of them fell down and sustained injuries. He also contended that out of grudge, a false complaint has been lodged against the petitioners, though they had no role in causing the alleged injuries. Hence, prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed for grant of anticipatory bail contending that the petitioners attacked the complainant and his friends with axe and sticks due to which the injured sustained grievous injuries. As such, the section was altered from Section 118(1) to Section 118(2) of BNS. The investigation is also still pending, as such, petitioners are not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by the respective counsel and the material placed on record, there are specific allegations against the petitioner No.2 that he beat the victim with an axe and there are no specific allegations against petitioner No.1/A.1 and the only allegation is that the other

person also beat with sticks. Considering the allegation against the petitioner No.1/A.1, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to petitioner No.1/A.1 subject to following conditions :

- i. The petitioner No.1 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Nizamabad (Rural) Police Station, Nizamabad District within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release petitioner No.1 on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner No.1 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 petitioner No.1 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 partly allowed granting anticipatory bail to petitioner No.1 and dismissed insofar as petitioner No.2 is concerned.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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