

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5516 of 2026

DATE: 24.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Gudugutla Srinu @ Gudugutla Srinivas

.....petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 5

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.1 to 5 in Crime No.67 of 2026 before the

Banswada Town Police Station, Kamareddy District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 109, 140, 299, 324(2), 191(1), 191(2), 191(3), 196(1)(a) read with 190 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 20.02.2026 at about 8:40 PM, clashes took place between two community groups in Banswada town, during which stones were allegedly pelted. The complainant, a roadside fruit vendor, alleged that he was present at his fruit stall during the incident and that his stall was damaged in the violence, causing fear for his life. Based on the complaint lodged on 25.02.2026, the above crime was registered against the petitioners and others.

3. Heard Sri P. Shashi Kiran, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated on hearsay allegations and that the complaint was lodged after an unexplained delay and no specific overt acts were

attributed to the petitioners. He further submitted that they were implicated due to political rivalry and community considerations. The petitioners are permanent residents of Banswada, have good reputation, are willing to cooperate with the investigation, and there is no necessity for custodial interrogation. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of anticipatory bail contending that the allegations relate to a serious law and order incident involving communal violence, damage to property, and wrongful confinement of the complainant. He further submitted that the petitioners were specifically named during investigation and their custodial interrogation may be necessary to ascertain their role and identify other participants. Further, there are multiple crimes were registered for the same incident. Hence, it was prayed that anticipatory bail be dismissed.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and on perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the allegations arise out of an incident

of group clashes that allegedly took place in Banswada town, resulting in damage to the complainant's shop premises. The main allegation against the petitioners is that they participated in the unlawful assembly, indulged in stone pelting, caused damage to the shop, and wrongfully confined the complainant inside the premises during the incident. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Bansawada Town Police Station, Kamareddy District, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release them on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, each with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. 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.

- iii. The petitioners 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.
 - iv. If the petitioners are involved in any other similar crimes, or threaten any witnesses, the Investigating Authority is at liberty to file cancellation of bail.
7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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