

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5748 of 2026

DATE: 21.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Gollapally Naveen and another

.....petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2

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 and 2 in Crime No.29 of 2026 before the

Jagdevpur Police Station, Siddipet District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 318(1), 108 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the deceased, Jhansi, was in a relationship with accused No.1 for about four years on a promise of marriage. Later, accused No.1 allegedly refused to marry her and decided to marry another woman. It is alleged that after being humiliated by Accused No.1 and his family, the deceased became mentally distressed and on 09.03.2026 died by suicide by hanging in her house. Based on the complaint lodged by her relative, the above crime was registered against the petitioners for cheating and abetment of suicide.

3. Heard Sri Singam Bhagaiah, 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 and that there was no direct act of instigation, aid, or intentional

abetment on the part of the petitioners to attract Section 108 BNS, and the allegations only disclose that accused No.1 had stopped speaking to the deceased. He further submitted that Section 318(1) BNS is bailable in nature, accused No.2 is only the mother of accused No.1 with no role in the alleged relationship, and custodial interrogation is unnecessary. 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 disclose a serious offence wherein the deceased was deceived for several years on a promise of marriage and was driven to commit suicide after Accused No.1 refused to marry her. He further submitted that the conduct of the petitioners, particularly the humiliation allegedly caused to the deceased, requires thorough investigation. Therefore, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioners does not arise. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

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 case rests mainly on the allegations arising out of a failed love relationship between petitioner No.1 and the deceased. The main allegation against the petitioner is that he had developed acquaintance with the deceased on a promise of marriage and subsequently refused to marry her, due to which the deceased allegedly committed suicide. Whether the acts attributed to the petitioners would constitute the offence of abetment of suicide is a matter to be examined during the course of investigation and trial. 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, Jagadevpur Police Station, Siddipet 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.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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