

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION Nos.6104 & 6109 of 2026

DATE: 01.05.2026

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6104 of 2026

Between:

Katta Hemam Buja

.... Petitioner/
Accused No.3

AND

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

.... Respondent

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6109 of 2026

Katta Vamsi Krishna

.... Petitioner/
Accused No.1

AND

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

.... Respondent

COMMON ORDER

Criminal Petition Nos.6104 of 2026 and 6109 of 2026 are 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 No.3 and 1 respectively in connection with Crime No.413 of 2026 of Saroornagar Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 80 read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 19.04.2026 the *de-facto* complainant, lodged a report before the police stating that her younger daughter, Abhinaya (35 years), was married to A1 on 27.01.2020, and that substantial dowry in the form of gold, cash, and silver was given at the time of marriage. Soon after the marriage, A1 subjected Abhinaya to physical and mental harassment for additional dowry, which continued despite intervention by elders and the couple living separately for the past two and a half years. The accused, along with his parents, allegedly persisted in demanding more money and subjected her to cruelty. For about 20 days prior to the incident, A1 had been residing with his parents, leaving Abhinaya alone with her minor son. On 18.04.2026, upon

receiving information that Abhinaya was not opening her room door, the complainant and family reached her residence and found her hanging from a ceiling fan; she was brought down and found dead. Hence complainant requested to take necessary action. Based on this report, the police registered a case against the accused for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri Y. Soma Srinath Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, Sri Venkat Reddy Kodumury, learned counsel for respondent No.2 and Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent No.1–State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and falsely implicated, A1 never demanded dowry, and the deceased and A1 were residing separately from A2 and A3 and that there are no specific allegations of cruelty or dowry harassment “soon before death,” as A1 had not visited the deceased for about 20–25 days prior to the incident, and A3 never resided with them. He further submitted that A1 was suffering from severe depression and had been hospitalized, no suicide note exists, and no additional dowry was ever demanded; rather, A1 had financially assisted

the deceased's family. He further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to co-operate with the investigation and prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners by allowing the present Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned counsel for respondent No.2-de-facto complainant opposed the petition, contending that due to the physical and mental harassment by the petitioners, the deceased committed suicide, leaving behind her minor child, and if released on bail, the petitioners may threaten witnesses. Hence, prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions, contending that the allegations against the petitioners are grave in nature, as the death occurred within seven years of marriage due to dowry harassment, and custodial interrogation is necessary and prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

7. In light of the submissions made by all the learned counsel, and upon perusal of the material available on record, the allegations against A1 are specific and serious in nature, particularly in view of the marital relationship and the

unnatural death of the deceased. The contentions regarding his absence for 20 days and health condition are matters of defence and cannot be examined at this stage. Hence, custodial interrogation of A1 appears necessary, and he is not entitled to anticipatory bail. Insofar as A3 is concerned, it is evident that she has been residing separately for the past two years, and the allegations against her are vague and omnibus, without any specific instances of cruelty or harassment “soon before death.” In the absence of prima facie material and the gender of A3, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to accused No.3. Hence, the anticipatory bail application of A1 is dismissed, while A3 is granted anticipatory bail, subject to the the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner-accused No.3 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Saroornagar Police Station, Malkajgiri District within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner-accused No.3 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 petitioner-accused No.3 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 filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

8. Accordingly, Criminal Petition No. 6104 of 2026 is allowed and Criminal Petition No. 6109 of 2026 is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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