

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6702 of 2026

DATE: 06.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Racherla Suresh @ Suresh and another

.....petitioners/accused Nos.9 and 10

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.9 and 10 in Crime No.576 of 2026 before the

Kukatpally Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 333, 118(1), 308(5), 191(2), 351(2) and 189 read with 190 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 23.04.2026, the de facto complainant alleged that Accused No.1 along with others trespassed into his residence at Kukatpally, assaulted him, threatened him with dire consequences, and damaged and took away his mobile phone when he attempted to record the incident.

3. Heard Sri T.V. Ramana Rao, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachander 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 due to political rivalry and that the complaint is a counterblast to an earlier complaint given by accused No.1 against the de facto complainant regarding circulation of false news on social media. The petitioners were not present at the scene of

offence and have been implicated only because they are associates of accused No.1. It is further submitted that there is no material to establish their involvement or any mens rea, and most of the offences alleged are punishable with less than seven years. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the anticipatory bail application, contending that the petitioners are part of the group that trespassed into the complainant's house and participated in the assault and intimidation and that the investigation is at an early stage and the role of each accused is being ascertained. 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 a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the main allegation against the petitioners is that they, along with other accused, allegedly trespassed into the house of the de facto complainant and participated in the assault, criminal intimidation, and damage

to property. However, as seen from the record, the specific overt acts attributed to the present petitioners are not clearly delineated. It is also the contention of the petitioners that they were not present at the scene of offence and have been implicated due to their association with Accused No.1. Further, the offences alleged against the petitioners are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years, and there are no other criminal cases pending against them. 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, Kukatpally Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, 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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