

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6970 of 2026

DATE: 04.05.2026

Between:

R. Rama Krishna and two others.

.... Petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 3

AND

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

.... 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 3 in Crime No.143 of 2026 of Matwada Police station, Warangal District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 379 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 r/w

Sections 303(2), 305(a), 305(b), 316(2), 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 351(2), 308(2), 324(2), 61(2)(a) r/w 3(5) of BNS.

2. Heard Ms. K. Swetha, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. Without going into the merits of the case, since the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioners are less than seven (07) years, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioners to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 19.06.2026 between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m. and in turn, the Investigating Officer is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 35 (3) of BNSS (previously Section 41-A of Cr.P.C.) and also the guidelines formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**¹ scrupulously. However, the petitioners shall submit their defence and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and produce all relevant

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

documents/material required for the purpose of the investigation and the Investigating Officer shall consider the same before filing appropriate report before the learned Magistrate concerned.

4. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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