

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7085 of 2026

DATE: 06.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Pathakottu Venkata Raghu Ram Reddy

.....petitioner/accused No.1

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.128 of 2026 before the Zahirabad Town Police Station, Sangareddy District, registered for the offence

punishable under Sections 80 read with 3(5) of BNS and Sections 3 and 4 of DP Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 01.04.2026, based on a complaint lodged by the father of the deceased, a case in Crime No.128 of 2026 was registered against the petitioner/Accused No.1 and others for offences under Section 80 r/w 3(5) BNS and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act. It is alleged that the petitioner and his family members harassed the deceased, Vineetha, for additional dowry of Rs.5 lakhs after marriage, despite having received gold and other articles at the time of marriage. Unable to bear the alleged harassment, the deceased consumed pesticide at her parental house on 30.03.2026 and died on 31.03.2026 while undergoing treatment.

3. Heard Sri S. Mahesh, 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 petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the

present case, and there was no harassment or dowry demand at any point of time and that the deceased had gone to her parental house in connection with personal reasons and not due to any alleged harassment. The petitioner was not present at the place of occurrence, and the incident took place at the parental house of the deceased, thereby ruling out any abetment. He further submitted that there is no direct or prima facie material to establish instigation or cruelty by the petitioner and that the petitioner is in jail since 09.04.2026. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the bail application, contending that the petitioner, being the husband of the deceased, along with his family members, subjected the deceased to continuous physical and mental harassment for additional dowry, which ultimately led to her suicide. He further submitted that the allegations are serious in nature, and the statements of the complainant and other witnesses prima facie establish the involvement of the petitioner. At this stage, granting of bail to the petitioner does not arise.

Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 09.04.2026. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 20 witnesses have been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the incarceration period of the petitioner, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Sangareddy at Zaheerabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on

every Monday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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