

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7458 OF 2026

DATE : 29.05.2026

Between:

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/Complainant

O R D E R

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused No.1 seeking to enlarge him on anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.413 of 2026, on the file of Saroornagar Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offence punishable under Section 80 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, (for short 'BNS Act').

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State. Perused the material available on record.

3. The allegations leveled against the petitioner 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 the petitioner. Despite receiving substantial dowry including gold, silver, cash and land, the petitioner and his parents subjected the deceased to harassment. Due to frequent disputes, pressure for additional dowry, mental and physical harassment, the deceased started living separately with her son. On 18.04.2026, the family of the deceased received information that the deceased was found dead in her residence under suspicious circumstances, allegedly by hanging with a saree. Therefore, requested to take necessary action. Based on this report, the police registered a case against the accused for the alleged offences.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and falsely implicated and the petitioner never demanded dowry and that there are no specific allegations of cruelty or dowry harassment “soon before death”, as the petitioner had not visited the deceased for about 20-25 days prior to the incident. He further submitted that the petitioner was suffering from severe depression and had been hospitalised, no suicide note exists and no additional dowry demanded. He also submits that

since this Court in CrI.P.No.6104 of 2026 by an order dated 01.05.2026 granted bail to accused No.3, counsel for the petitioner seeks to grant bail to the petitioner herein on the same footing. He further submits that the petitioner is ready and willing to co-operate with the investigation and prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner by allowing the present criminal petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions, contending that the allegations against the petitioner 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.

6. It is pertinent to note that the petitioner had earlier approached this Court *vide* CrI.P.No.6109 of 2026, wherein this Hon'ble Court was pleased to grant interim protection from arrest from 21.04.2026 till 30.04.2026. However, the police harassed the petitioner, interfered with his hospitalization and exerted pressure on hospital authorities to discharge him, forcibly took the petitioner on 28.04.2026 disregarding the interim protection granted by this Court. Aggrieved by the highhanded action of the respondents, the petitioner also filed W.P.No.13930 of 2026. The petitioner was produced before the jurisdictional Magistrate for remand under Section 187 BNSS. Upon hearing the objections

and perusing this Court's order, learned Magistrate rejected the remand and set the petitioner at liberty vide order dated 28.04.2026. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner initiated a contempt proceedings vide C.C.SR.No.22280 of 2026 against the authorities for willful disobedience of the orders passed by this Court.

7. In the light of the above facts and circumstances and since *prima facie*, there are no specific instances of cruelty or harassment "soon before death" of the victim, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

- i. Petitioner/Accused No.1 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 personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, with two sureties for the like sum each to his satisfaction.
- ii. Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.
- iii. Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall appear before the Investigating Officer concerned on every day between 09:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m., for a period of four (4) weeks

or till filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier and thereafter, as and when required.

- 8.** Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY,J

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