

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7819 OF 2026

DATE: 04.06.2026

BETWEEN :

Banoth Anil

...Petitioner/Accused No.7

AND

The State of Telangana,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
At Hyderabad. Through Public Prosecutor.

... Respondent

ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking grant of bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as an accused No.7 in Crime No.477 of 2026 on the file of the Kukatpally Police Station, Cyberabad, registered for offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 108, 85, 82 r/w 49 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Sections 3 & 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

3. The brief facts of the case are that the *de facto* complainant, Sri Banoth Naresh, lodged a complaint on 31.03.2026 at 22:00 hours, stating that they are three children to their parents out of which two are daughters. His younger elder sister, Ms. Boda Shravanti, was married to Mr. Praveen, S/o Boda Shankar in the year 2011 and due to employment reasons, his sister and her husband had been residing in Raghavendra Colony, Kukatpally and they are blessed with two sons.

4. Since the time of marriage, his brother-in-law used to physically assault his sister and daily harass her for additional dowry, forcing her to bring money from her parental home and that his parents also supported him. Subsequently, his brother-in-law developed an illicit relationship with his maternal aunt's daughter, which came to their knowledge. A panchayat was conducted in the presence of elders whereby, his brother-in-law promised to take care of his sister and the children properly. However, there was no change in his behavior

and he continued to assault her. Thereafter, subsequent panchayats were also conducted.

5. It is further alleged that without informing anyone, his brother-in-law married his aunt's daughter as a second marriage on 20.08.2024 at Veerabhadra Swamy Temple, Kuravi and upon coming to know the same, they lodged a complaint at Subedari Hanumakonda Women Police Station. Thereafter, during another panchayath before elders, his brother-in-law assured that there would be no further disputes and requested to send his sister back to matrimonial home.

6. Thereafter, his brother-in-law became addicted to alcohol, incurred heavy debts and continued to harass his sister for additional dowry and on 30.03.2026, his brother-in-law brought his sister and the children to Hyderabad. On the same night, his sister called him over the phone and informed him that her husband assaulted her and threatened to kill her and their two children.

7. Unfortunately, on 31.03.2026, at about 12:00 noon, the complainant came to know through one Mr. Devaraju that his sister and her two children were found dead in their house. Immediately, he, along with his family members, rushed to the spot. Therefore, they suspected the involvement of his brother-in-law and others concerned.

8. Based on the said complaint, the Police registered the present FIR for the offences punishable under Sections 103(1), 108, 85, 82 r/w 49 of the BNS & Sec 3 & 4 DP Act. Accused No.1 was arrested on 01.04.2026 and thereafter, accused Nos.2 to 4 and 7 were also arrested on the same day. Accused Nos.5 and 6 were absconding.

9. The specific allegation against the petitioner/accused No.7 is that he is a friend of accused No.1 and had aided the second marriage.

10. A perusal of the remand report reveals that a substantial part of the investigation has been completed and that the statements of witnesses LW1 to LW20 have

already been recorded. Further, the petitioner/accused no.7 was arrested on 01.04.2026 and he is languishing in the judicial custody since then.

11. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner/accused No.7, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner/accused No.7 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned XII Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-XII Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Clas, Medchal-Malkajgiri, at Kukatpally.
- ii. After release, the petitioner/accused No.7 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday

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.

- iii. The petitioner/acused No.7 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

12. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

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