

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

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8160 of 2026

DATE : 04.06.2026

Between:

Salla Arvind Babu and another.

...Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 & 2

AND

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

...Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 seeking to enlarge them on Anticipatory Bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.335 of 2026 of Adilabad-II Town Police Station, Adilabad District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 420, 447 r/w. Section 34 of the Indian Penal Code.

2. Heard Sri Soma Ravi Kiran Reddy, learned counsel appearing for the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 as well as Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of 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 15.06.2026 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 defense and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and produce all relevant 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.

JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

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¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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