IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE NARSING RAO NANDIKONDA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17875 of 2026

CNR No. HBHC010749372026

DATE 25.11.2026

Between:

Gaddam Srinivas Reddy and another

...Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana ***...Respondent***

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking anticipatory bail to the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 in Crime.No.156 of 2026 on the file of the Koheda Police Station, Siddipet District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 64, 74, 85, 115(2), 118(1), 127, 351(2) read with Section 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhitha, 2023 (for short 'BNS').

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the de facto complainant was married to Accused No.1, Gaddam Srinivas, on 22.05.2021. After the marriage, she joined her matrimonial home, where Accused No.1 allegedly harassed and abused her on the ground

that he was impotent and was taking medication. It is further alleged that on 30.05.2026, Accused No.1 forced her to develop illegal intimacy with him or his younger brother, Accused No.2 Gaddam Krishna. Thereafter, Accused No.2 allegedly committed rape on her. When she protested, Accused No.1 and his parents, Accused No.3 and Accused No.4, abused, assaulted and confined her in a room, besides threatening her with dire consequences. Accused No.5, her mother, also allegedly threatened and assaulted her when she refused to remain silent about the incident. On 07.06.2026, the de facto complainant managed to escape from the house and, subsequently, lodged a complaint before the police on 20.09.2026 seeking necessary action against the accused.

3. Heard Sri K. Jamali, learned counsel for the petitioners; Sri Syed Yasar Mamoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent No.1-State and Sri Arjun Raj Gowlikar, learned counsel representing Sri Sanjeev Gillella, learned counsel for respondent No.2

4. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated due to matrimonial disputes. It is contended that the de facto complainant left the matrimonial home on 07.06.2026 without informing anyone and subsequently married one

Prashanth on 18.06.2025 at Sri Narasimha Swamy Temple, Yadagirigutta, during the subsistence of her marriage with Petitioner No.1. Petitioner No.1 lodged a missing complaint on 09.06.2026, whereas the present complaint was lodged after a delay of 113 days as a counterblast to the earlier proceedings. It is further submitted that the de facto complainant herself approached the police stating that she had married Prashanth voluntarily and that no further action was required on her husband's complaint. The petitioners contend that the allegations are improbable, no specific overt act is attributed to Petitioner No.1, and the investigation is substantially completed. Hence, custodial interrogation is not necessary and they are entitled to anticipatory bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the application contending that the allegations against the petitioners are serious in nature. It is submitted that Petitioner No.1 allegedly instigated the de facto complainant to develop an illicit relationship with Petitioner No.2, who thereafter forcibly committed rape on her. It is further alleged that Petitioner No.1 and his parents assaulted, threatened and wrongfully confined the de facto complainant for about one week and forcibly prevented her from disclosing the incident. It is submitted

that the delay in lodging the complaint was due to her ill health and the threats extended by the accused. Hence, considering the gravity and seriousness of the allegations, the petitioners are not entitled to anticipatory bail.

6. Taking into consideration the submissions made by both sides and the material available on record, this Court is of the considered view that the substantial part of the investigation has already been completed. Having regard to the nature of the allegations and the specific role attributed to the petitioners in the alleged commission of the offence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2, subject to the following conditions:

> (i) The petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 shall surrender before the Station House Officer of Koheda Police Station, Siddipet District, within one (1) week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 on bail on their executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each with two sureties, for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the said officer.
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> (ii) After submission and acceptance of the sureties and release of the accused on bail, the genuineness of the said sureties shall be verified and if later on, it is found that the said sureties are fake, the concerned SHO shall take steps for cancellation of bail.
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> (iii) It is open to the police or the investigating agency to move the Court concerned, which grants anticipatory bail, for

a direction under Section 439 (2) to arrest the accused, in the event of violation of any term, such as absconding, non-cooperating during investigation, evasion, intimidation or inducement to witnesses with a view to influence outcome of the investigation or trial, etc.

(iv) After release, the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11.00 A.M. on every First and Second Saturday, 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.

(v) The petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482 (2) Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

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