IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18424 of 2026

(C.N.R.No.HBHC010762952026)

DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:
Lankela Srinivasa Reddy and another
… Petitioner/Accused Nos.1 and 2

AND

The State of Telangana

…Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

Petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 have filed this petition under Sections 480 and 483 of BNSS, seeking bail in Crime No.195 of 2026 on the file of Mellachervu Police Station, Suryapet District, registered for the offences under Sections 303(2) and 111(4) of BNS, Section 3 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act and Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

2. Heard Sri G. Vasantha Rayudu, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State. Perused the record.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 11.10.2026, the police received information regarding transportation of sand without valid permission at Mellachervu village. On reaching the spot, the police noticed a lorry carrying sand near Hanuman Temple Cross Road, Mellachervu. It is alleged that the driver of the lorry, A-2, fled from the spot on noticing the police, while A-1 was apprehended. As the accused failed to produce valid documents relating to the transportation of sand, the police seized the lorry along with the sand and conducted an enquiry. During the enquiry, it was allegedly revealed that A-1 and A-2 had conspired to transport sand illegally from the sand loading ramp near Krishna River at Amaravathi and sell the same for monetary gain. Basing on the said representation, the present crime was registered. A-1 was remanded to judicial custody on 12.10.2026 and A-2 was remanded on 13.10.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the present case and that the allegations, even if taken at face value, disclose only transportation of sand without valid permission and do not make out the offence under Section 111(4) of BNS, as there is no allegation of the petitioners being members of an organised crime syndicate. He contended that the petitioners have been in

judicial custody since 12.10.2026 and 13.10.2026 respectively, and that the investigation has been completed. Hence, learned counsel prayed to enlarge the petitioners on bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the application stating that the allegations against the petitioners are serious in nature and that they were involved in transporting sand illegally for monetary gain. Hence, learned Additional Public Prosecutor prayed to dismiss the petition.

6. On a perusal of the material available on record, it is apparent that the allegations against the petitioners relate to the alleged transportation of sand without valid permission in a lorry. The petitioners have been in judicial custody since 12.10.2026 and 13.10.2026 respectively. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation is completed. Having regard to the nature of the allegations, the period of incarceration undergone by them and the circumstances of the case, this Court is of the considered view that it is a fit case for grant of bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. **The petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 2 shall be enlarged on bail on each of them executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty-five thousand only), each with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Huzur Nagar.**

ii. **The petitioner/accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned Station House Officer twice in a month i.e., on 1st and 15th of every month, till filing of charge sheet or for four (04) months, whichever is earlier.**

iii. **The petitioners shall comply with the conditions stipulated under Section 480(3) of BNSS.**

iv. **In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to seek cancellation of bail in accordance with law.**

Petition is allowed accordingly.

JUVVADI SRIDEVI, J

Date: 13.11.2026
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