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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18375 of 2026

(C.N.R.No.HBHC010769272026)

DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:
Dharavath Bharathi and others … Petitioners

AND

The State of Telangana
…Respondent

ORDER :

Petitioner/accused Nos.2, 3, 5 and 6 have filed this petition under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 seeking bail in crime No.88 of 2026 of Medlacheruvu @ Mellacheruvu Police Station, Suryapet District, registered for the offences under Sections 137(2), 127(2), 249, 65(1) r/w 49 of BNSS , 1985 and Section 5(1) r/w 6, 17 of POCSO Act,2012 , Section 9 r/w 10 of Child Marriage Act,2006.

2. Heard Sri Boddupally Yadaiah, learned counsel for petitioner and Sri Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State. Perused the record.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 25.04.2026 at about 10:50 hours, the *de-facto* complainant approached the police station

and lodged a written complaint stating that he was residing with his wife, son, daughter and mother. On 25.04.2026, at about 03:00 hours, he and his wife went to Vepala Singaram Village in a tractor to collect grass for their domestic animals, leaving their daughter at home. When they returned at about 05:00 hours, they found that their daughter was missing. They searched for her in the nearby areas and at the houses of their relatives, but could not find her. Suspecting the involvement of accused No.1 in her disappearance, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a complaint with the police. Based on the said complaint, the police registered a case in Crime No.88 of 2026 for the offence punishable under Section 137(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and took up the investigation.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent and have been falsely implicated in the present case. Mere relationship with accused No.1 or being his relatives, in the absence of specific overt acts, cannot by itself attract criminal liability. The individual roles attributed to the petitioners require independent consideration. It is further submitted that the petitioners are ready and willing to co-operate with the investigation and abide by any conditions imposed by this Court. The petitioners were arrested on 07.10.2026 and remanded to judicial custody on the same day. The charge sheet has not yet

been filed. The petitioners had earlier filed a bail application vide Crl.M.P.No.780 of 2026 in crime No.88 of 2026 before the learned I Additional Sessions Judge, Suryapet, and the same was dismissed on 30.10.2026. Hence, the petitioners pray that they may be enlarged on bail.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed in granting bail to the petitioners.

6. On a perusal of the complaint and remand case diary, it is apparent that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 07.10.2026 and the petitioners herein are the relatives of accused No.1. Taking into consideration of the above said facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners/accused Nos.2, 3, 5 and 6, subject to the following conditions:

i. **The petitioners/accused Nos.2, 3, 5 and 6 shall be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- each with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Huzurnagar, Suryapet District(for short "the learned trial Court).**

ii. **The petitioners/accused 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/accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 480(3) of the BNSS.**

v. **The petitioner/accused shall not directly or indirectly contact, threaten or influence the victim or her family members in any manner.**

vi. **In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.**

Petition is allowed accordingly.

JUVVADI SRIDEVI, J

Date: 13.11.2026
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