IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18480 of 2026
(CNR No.HBHC010774062026)

DATED: 18.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Palabindala Srinu @ Palabindala Srinivas .... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through the Station House Officer,
Madhuranagar Police Station,
Rep., by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad. .... Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking to enlarge the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.647 of 2026 of Madhuranagar Police Station, on bail. The said crime was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 85, 108 read with Section 3 (5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Sections 3 and 4 of Dowry Prohibition Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner-Accused No.1, who is the husband of the victim viz., Smt. Kavitha, along with his family members i.e., other accused have harassed the victim for additional

dowry and unable to bear such harassment the victim committed suicide by consuming poison.

3. Heard Mr. J.V. Amruth Prasad, learned counsel on record for the petitioner and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that there is no one to look after the children of the petitioner-accused No.1. It is further contended that despite receiving Rs.10,00,000/- on 15.10.2026 to withdraw the present case, the *de-facto* complainant lodged the present case only to extract money. It is further submitted that petitioner is innocent and was falsely implicated in the present case. It is further submitted that the petitioner-accused No.1 has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2026. Therefore, learned counsel prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the present bail application on the ground that investigation is still pending.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner-Accused No.1 herein has been in judicial custody since 01.10.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, as many as 12 witnesses were examined by the investigating agency. It is to be seen

that the allegations made against the petitioner and other accused do not disclose that there is any abetment in the instant case as required under Section 45 of BNS compelling the victim to commit suicide.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and since material part of the investigation is completed and as there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner-accused No.1, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, however, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned XIV Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Hyderabad.

ii. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on every Sunday 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-accused No.1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

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

8. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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