

APHC010209562026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

[3396]

TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3240/2026

Between:

1. S. SIRISHA, D/O S. RAMAKRISHNA AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, R/O. H. NO. 48-2, BUDHAWARAPETA, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

2. P. MUNEMMA, W/O S. RAMAKRISHNA AGED ABOUT 48 YEARS, R/O. H. NO. 48-2, BUDHAWARAPETA, KURNOOL, KURNOOL DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, THROUGH S.H.O., KANAGANAPALLI POLICE STATION, HIGH COURT BUILDINGS, AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT, AP - 518003.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. K.V. RAGHU VEER

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The instant petition under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') has been filed by the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1 & 2, seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.22 of 2026 on the file of Kanaganapalli Police Station, Sri Sathya Sai District, which is registered for the offence under Section 108 read with 3(5) of BNS.

2. Heard Sri K.V.Raghuveer, learned counsel for the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1 and 2 and Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, Assistant Public Prosecutor for State / Respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners would submit that Petitioner No.1 completed her MBBS and Petitioner No.2 is working in the Department of Biochemistry as non-medical demonstrator in Kurnool Medical College. Learned counsel would further submit that the deceased used to phone Petitioner No.1 and insist her to marry him for which she refused. On coming to know the same, Petitioner No.2, who is the mother of Petitioner No.1 called the mother of the deceased and asked her to make the deceased to stop following Petitioner No.1. But, the deceased did not stop torturing Petitioner No.1. It is further submitted that the deceased had several debts. It is further contended that there is no abetment on the part of the Petitioners. Learned counsel would further contend that the Petitioners are woman and are in dignified professions and they are ready to furnish sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Court. Hence, prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioners.

4. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and submits that there are specific allegations against the Petitioners. It is further submitted there are no grounds to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioners, at this stage. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Considering the submissions made on either side, and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court is of the view that the allegations made against the Petitioners indicate that the deceased was allegedly insisting upon Petitioner No.1 to marry him, which she declined. The material further suggests that Petitioner No.2, being the mother of Petitioner No.1, had intervened by requesting the family of the deceased to restrain him from such conduct. The element of abetment to commit suicide is *prima facie* absent in this matter. The

suicide note of the deceased coupled with the contents of the complaint would show that the mother of the deceased had taken treatment in the hospital and in that view, the deceased had taken the phone number of Petitioner No.1 and used to be in contact with her. The matter is under investigation. Custodial interrogation of the Petitioners is not required in this matter.

6. Taking into consideration the nature of accusations, the role attributed to the Petitioners, the *prima facie* absence of specific overt acts constituting abetment, and the fact that the Petitioners are women and stated to be in respectable professions, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail, subject to conditions, as the custodial interrogation of the Petitioners does not appear necessary at this stage.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed granting anticipatory bail to the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1 and 2, on the following conditions:

- (i) In the event of their arrest, the Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 shall be enlarged on bail on execution of personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) each, with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the arresting police officials;
 - (ii) The Petitioners shall cooperate with the investigation and appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required.
 - (iii) The Petitioners shall not directly or indirectly threaten or influence the witnesses.
 - (iv) The Petitioners shall not tamper with the evidence in any manner.
- Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

Dr.JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

Date: 05.05.2026

Note: Issue C.C today

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