



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

[3573]

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4433/2026

Between:

1. LANKA SWAMINATHAN, S/O. L. VENKATA SIVANANDA SASTRY AGE 45 YEARS, OCC JOURNALIST, R/O. D. NO. 28-7-6, SHAIK MOHIDDIN STREET, ARUNDALPET, VIJAYAWADA-520002.
2. PALURI RAMESH REDDY, S/O. P.V.R REDDY. AGE 47 YEARS, OCC JOURNALIST, R/O. 41-1/2-33, 3 LANE, DWARAKA NAGAR, KRISHNALANKA, VIJAYAWADA-200013
3. OGGU KALYAN, S/O. OGGU GANGADHAR RAO AGE 34 YEARS, OCC JOURNALIST, D/O. 6-14-15, NANNESAHEB STREET, 1-TOWN, KOTHAPET, VIJAYAWADA- 520001.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Through Peddakakani Police Station, Peddakakani, Guntur District, A.P.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 437/438/439/482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court pleased to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused No. 1 to 3 on Bail in the event of their arrest in F.I.R. No. 183 of 2026, dated 05-05-2026 on the file of Peddakakani Police Station, Guntur District, by way of granting Anticipatory Bail, and pass

IA NO: 1 OF 2026

Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct the Respondent/Police not to arrest the Petitioners/Accused No. 1 to 3 in F.I.R. No. 183 of 2026, dated 05-05-2026 on the file of Pedakakani Police Station, Guntur District, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1.S BALA MOHAN RANGA

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI**CRIMINAL PETITION NO:4433 of 2026****ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS'), has been filed on behalf of the petitioners herein/accused Nos.1 to 3 to grant anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.183 of 2026 dated 05.05.2026 of Pedakakani Police Station, Guntur District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 329 (3), 329(4), 308(2), 351(3) r/w 3(5) of B.N.S.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Public Prosecutor for respondent/ State.

3. Perused the record.

4. Since, it is seen that the offences alleged are punishable with seven years or less than seven years, the respondent is directed to comply with the mandate in Section 35(3) of the BNSS, 2023 and all the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the judgment in **Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar**¹ and other related rulings.

5. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is disposed of.

As a sequel, Miscellaneous petitions, if any pending, in the Criminal Petition, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE BALAJI MEDAMALLI

Date: 22.05.2026
KA/KBN

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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