



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

[3396]

THURSDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1578/2026

Between:

1.MANUKONDA MARY JOTHSNA, W/O. GANESH,AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS, R/O.H.NO.12-18-1/68,CHINTHIA PUDI VAI STREET, 7TH WARD, REPALLE,GUNTUR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by SHO, Ponnur Town, Guntur District., Rep. by its Public Prosecutor High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravathi.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

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 may be pleased to grant interim pre-arrest bail to the Petitioner in connection with FIR.No.37 of 2026 on the file of the Ponnur Town Police Station, Guntur District., pending CRLP.No. 1578 of 2026 and pass such other or further orders

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1.S DILIP JAYA RAM

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

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CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1579/2026

Between:

1.SOMARAJU V USHA RANI, W/O. SOMARAJU NAGARAJU,AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/O.H.NO.25-13-7/F,29 WARD, OM COLONY, PONNUR, GUNTUR DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

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1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by SHO, Ponnur Town, Guntur District., Rep. by its Public Prosecutor High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravathi.

...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 direct release of the Petitioner on Bail in the event of her arrest in connection with FIR.No.37 of 2026 on the file of the Ponnur Town Police Station, Guntur District., and pass

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The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NOS: 1578 & 1579 OF 2026****COMMON ORDER :**

These Criminal Petitions have been filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'the BNSS') by the Petitioners/A2 & A5 for granting of pre-arrest bail in connection with Crime No.37 of 2026 on the file of Ponnuru Town Police Station, Guntur District which was registered for the offence under Sections 120b, 420, 465, 467, 468, 471 r/w 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short "IPC").

2. The case of the de facto complainant, in brief, is that she is a resident of Cabinpeta, Ponnur Town, and an account holder of the Geetha DWACRA Group at Andhra Bank, Inturi Village. It is alleged that Naga Sandhya, working as a DWACRA Group RP, formed seven DWACRA groups during 2022–2023 by gathering illiterate women and opened bank accounts in their names, while retaining the ATM cards and passbooks with herself.

3. It is further alleged that when the complainant refused to allow loans in her name, Naga Sandhya, along with the other accused, conspired together, forged the signatures of the women, and obtained loans from various banks. The complainant came to know about the same only after receiving bank notices stating that loans of ₹60,000/- from Chaitanya Bank and Rs.50,000/- from GDCC Bank were taken in her name. It was also revealed that loans of about Rs.45,00,000/- were obtained in the names of other women. On receipt of the report, the case was registered.

4. Heard Sri S.Dilip Jaya Ram, learned Counsel for the Petitioners/A2 & A5 and Mrs.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor on behalf of the State.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor brought to the notice of the Court that these petitions are anticipatory bail applications filed directly before this Court.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that A6 was unnecessarily arrested in this matter, without there being any proper investigation and, therefore, the petitioners have filed the present petitions before this Court.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that this Court may pass appropriate orders in these matters.

8. Considering the submissions made, and as rightly pointed out by the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor that these petitions are filed directly before this Court for proper adjudication of the issue, it is apposite to dispose of the present petitions by granting protection to the petitioners for a period of three (03) weeks. Meanwhile, the petitioners may approach the District Court by filing appropriate applications seeking anticipatory bail. The learned Judge may take a decision in the matters as expeditiously as possible. Till such time, the concerned police are directed not to take any coercive steps against the petitioners. The learned Judge shall take a decision without being influenced by any observations made by this Court.

9. With the above directions, these Criminal Petitions are disposed of.

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

DR.VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA, J

Date: 05.03.2026.

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