

HIGHCOURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE No: CrI.P.No.1204 of 2026****PROCEEDING SHEET**

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
01.	16.02.2026	<u>Dr.YLR,J</u> <u>I.A.No.01 of 2026</u> Heard. Dispensed with for the present. Dr.YLR,J <u>CrI.P.No.1204 of 2026</u> Issue notice to respondent No.2. The learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to take out personal notice on respondent No.2 and file proof to that effect. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. The respondent No.1/Sub-Inspector of Police, Anakapalli Town Police Station, has required petitioner Nos.1 and 2, on 27.01.2026, to produce the bank locker key bearing No.2/6 at the State Bank of India, wherein it is alleged that certain gold articles, which were presented by respondent No.2 to petitioner No.1 at the time of marriage towards dowry, are kept. Mr. M. Pradeep Kumar, the learned counsel for the petitioners, apprehends that if the locker key is	Contd...

provided to the Sub-Inspector of Police, Anakapalli, there may be a possibility of certain other valuable properties kept in the locker going missing. It is submitted that there was justification on the part of the Sub-Inspector of Police in invoking the powers under Section 94 of 'the BNSS' requiring the petitioners to produce the valuable property which is the subject matter of trial; however, there was no justification on the part of the Sub-Inspector of Police, Anakapalli, in requiring them to submit the locker key. Of course, Section 94 of 'the BNSS' empowers the Court or the Police Officer to require production of any document or thing for the purpose of investigation. A balance is required to be maintained while exercising the powers under Section 94 of 'the BNSS'.

Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, there shall be a stay of all further proceedings in Cr.No.297 of 2025 of Anakapalli Town Police Station, until the next date of hearing.

Post on 16.03.2026.

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