

(SHOW CAUSE NOTICE BEFORE ADMISSION)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI
WEDNESDAY ,THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2912 OF 2025



Between:

Kuchupudi Rama Tirumala Raju, S/o. Ramachandra Rao, Age 33 Years, Occ- Panchayat Secretary, Dharmajigudem Village Lingapalem Mandal, R/o. Dondapadu, Eluru, West Godavari District, A.P.

Petitioner/Accused-1

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court, Amaravathi.
2. Challapalli Srilatha, D/o Venkateswara Rao, Occ- Animal Activist, R/o. Flat No.69, SHR Plots Vanguru Village, Pedavegi Mandal, West Godavari District, A.P.

Respondent/Defacto Complainant

WHEREAS the Petitioner/Accused above named through his Advocate SRI RAMAKRISHNA AKURATHI presented this Petition under 482 of Criminal Procedure code/ Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to call for the records and quash the proceedings against the Petitioner/A1 in Crime No.380/2021 date 07.08.2021 on the file of the Dharmajigudem Police Station West Godavari District, in the interest of justice

AND WHEREAS the High Court upon perusing the petition and memorandum of grounds filed herein and upon hearing the arguments of Sri RAMAKRISHNA AKURATHI Advocate for the Petitioner, ASSISTANT PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent No.1, directed issue of notice to

the Respondent No.2 herein to show cause as to why this CRIMINAL PETITION should not be admitted.

You viz:

Challapalli Srilatha, D/o Venkateswara Rao, Occ- Animal Activist, R/o.
Flat No.69,SHR Plots Vanguru Village,Pedavegi Mandal, WestGodavari
District, A.P.

are be and hereby directed to show cause either appearing in person or through an Advocate, as to why in the circumstances set out in the petition and the memorandum of grounds filed therewith(copy enclosed) this **CRIMINAL PETITION** should not be admitted on or before 04.04.2025 to which date the case stands posted for hearing.

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under 482 of Criminal Procedure code/ Section 528 of BNSS is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to stay all the further proceedings in Crime No.380/2021 date 07.08.2021 on the File of the Dharmajigudem Police Station West Godavari District, in the interest of justice, pending disposal of CRLP No. 2912 of 2025, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following order:

“1. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was arraigned as accused in Crime No. No.380 of 2021 on the file of Dharmajigudem police station, West Godavari District, for the alleged offences under Section 429 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Section 11(L) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

3. The learned counsel further submits that the petitioner is a Panchayat Secretary and was discharging his duty. The 2 respondent claimed to be an animal activist before the police, alleging that the petitioner had committed an offence under section 429 read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 11(L) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

4. The learned counsel submits that the petitioner had no role in, and was unaware of, the burial of dogs in the outskirts of the village. However, the petitioner has been falsely implicated solely because he is officiating as the Panchayat Secretary. The learned counsel further submits that as per the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, punishments for cruelty to animals would attract a penalty of Rs. 10/-. It is submitted that though F.I.R. was registered in the year 2021, no charge sheet has been filed.

5. Considering the same, there shall be a stay of all further proceedings in Crime No.380 of 2021 of Dharmajigudem Police Station, West Godavari District, for a period of six weeks.

6. Issue notice to the 2nd respondent.

7. The learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to take out personal notice to the 2nd respondent by registered post with acknowledgment due and file proof of service in the registry.

8. Post on 04.04.2025."

SD/-SK MD RAFI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

//TRUE COPY//

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House officer, Dharmajigudem Police Station West
Godavari District,

2. Challapalli Srilatha, D/o Venkateswara Rao, Occ- Animal Activist, R/o. Flat No.69,SHR Plots Vanguru Village,Pedavegi Mandal, WestGodavari District, A.P. (by RPAD- along with a copy of petition and memorandum of grounds)
3. One CC to SRI. RAMAKRISHNA AKURATHI Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of A.P[OUT]
5. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

HN,J

DATED:19/03/2025

POST ON 04.04.2025

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