



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

[3369]

**TUESDAY ,THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T. MALLIKARJUNA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3326/2025

Between:

Paidi Ravi Kumar

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

The State

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1.C B ADARSH KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following ORDER:

- 1.** The Criminal Petition, under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, 'BNSS'), is filed seeking anticipatory bail to the Petitioner/A.2, in Crime No.204 of 2024 of Dwaraka Police Station, Visakhapatnam District.
- 2.** Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the offences alleged against the accused are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years and prays this Court to direct the Police to follow the procedure as contemplated under Section 35(3) of BNSS.

3. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor did not oppose the same and concurred with the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner for the reason that the offences alleged are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years.

4. Heard. Perused the material on record.

5. Since the offences alleged are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years, this Court directs the Police to follow the procedure as contemplated under Section 35(3) of BNSS, scrupulously as per the guidelines enunciated in ***Arnesh Kumar vs. State of Bihar and another***¹.

6. With the above directions, the Criminal Petition is ***disposed of***.

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

JUSTICE T. MALLIKARJUNA RAO

Date: 06.05.2025

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¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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