

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI



TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2437 OF 2026

Between:

Latha Jayakumar @ Lata Jayakumar, W/o. Late Jayakumar, Aged about 75 years, Female, Residing at No.83/5, 2nd Street, Customs Colony, Besant Nagar, Chennai-600 090, Tamil Nadu.

...Petitioner/Accused No.10

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, Through S.H.O. Sathyavedu Police Station, High Court Buildings, Nelapadu, Amaravati.

...Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS, is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner/Accused-10 in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.113 of 2025 on the file of Sathyavedu Police Station.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Ms. Kesavi Kumari Nemala, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Public Prosecutor for Respondent, the Court made the following

2. Heard Ms.Kesavi Kumari Nemala, learned counsel for the Petitioner / Accused No.10 and Ms.K.Priyānka Lakshmi, Assistant Public Prosecutor for State / Respondent.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the present crime has been registered after one year four months of the occurrence. It is further submitted that the allegations levelled against the Petitioner are created and false. Learned counsel would further submit that the Petitioner is a 75 years old lady suffering from several ailments. It is contended that the Petitioner has no criminal antecedents and is ready to furnish sureties to the satisfaction of the Court. Hence, prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the Petitioner.
4. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and submits that there are specific allegations against the Petitioner. It is further submitted there are no grounds to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner, at this stage. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the petition.
5. A *prima facie* reading of the complaint does not clearly disclose specific overt acts or the direct involvement of the Petitioner in the alleged offence. Further, the Petitioner is stated to be a 75-year-old lady suffering from age-related ailments, which is a relevant factor while considering a petition for anticipatory bail. There is nothing on record to indicate that the Petitioner has any criminal antecedents. In the absence of material suggesting that the Petitioner would abscond, tamper with evidence, or influence witnesses, this Court is inclined to extend the discretionary relief of anticipatory bail.

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed granting anticipatory bail to the Petitioner / Accused No.10, on the following conditions:

- (i) In the event of her arrest, the Petitioner/Accused No.10 shall be enlarged on bail on execution of a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the arresting police officials;
- (ii) The Petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required.
- (iii) The Petitioner shall not directly or indirectly threaten or influence the witnesses.
- (iv) The Petitioner shall not tamper with the evidence in any manner.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

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SD/- K.SRINIVASA RAJU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Satyavedu Police Station, Tirupathi Distict.
2. One CC to Ms. Kesavi Kumari Nemala, Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP, Amaravati. [OUT]
4. One spare copy.

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HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATE:07/04/2026

ANTICIPATORY BAIL ORDER

CRLP.No.2437 of 2026

ALLOWED

