



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2530 OF 2026

Between:

Shaik Haji Basha @ Haji, S/o Shaik Mahaboob Basha, Aged 42 Years,
R/o. D.No. 13/376, Tadipatri Town, Ananthapuram District.

Petitioner/Accused No.3

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of
Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati-522239.

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS/Section 438 of Cr.P.C, 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 grant anticipatory Bail to
the petitioner by directing the Station House Officer, Tadipathri Town Police
station Ananthapuram District, to release the petitioners/Accused No. 3 on bail
in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.69 of 2025 of Tadipathri
Town Police station Ananthapuram District

The petition, coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the
affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri
RAMAKRISHNA AKURATHI Advocate for the Petitioner, PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR for Respondent and the Court made the following.

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity "BNSS") by the petitioner/Accused No.3 seeking grant of pre-arrest bail in connection with Crime No.69 of 2025 on the file of Tadipatri Town Police Station, Ananthapuramu, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 108 read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that this is a case of abetting the commission of suicide by consuming acid using for melting the gold that occurred on 11.04.2025 at about 12.40 P.M. opposite Tadipatri Town Police Station, where A.1 working as appraiser in Bajaj Finance Limited, Tadipatri requested the deceased to release his 40 grams of old ornaments from his finance company for his necessity and on the request of A.1, the deceased got released the pledged gold ornaments. As A.2 is the original owner of the above gold ornaments, for the past few months A.1 to A.3 pressured the deceased to return the above gold ornaments and forced to return the said jewelry or commit suicide. Hence, the crime.

3. Heard Sri Akurathi Rama Krishna, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mrs.K.Priyanka Laskhmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the State. Perused the material placed on record.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner herein is A.3 who is brother of A.2 and A.2 is the owner of the gold ornaments who pledged the same through A.1 who working as appraiser in Bajaj Finance Limited, Tadipatri. He would further submit that thereafter A.2 insisted A.1 for release of the gold ornaments. Then A.1 approached the deceased who is gold merchant seeking his help, the deceased cleared the loan and brought

back the gold from the finance company and gave some money to A.1. Thereafter, A.2 insisted A.1 for return of his gold ornaments. Then A.1 insisted the deceased to return the gold ornaments. In that exchange of words, A.1 and deceased, the deceased committed suicide by consuming acid using for melting the gold. Learned counsel for the petitioner would further submit that the petitioner, who is the brother of A.2, has no manner of involvement in the alleged incident leading to the suicide of the deceased.

5. On the other hand, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit that the petitioner, being the brother of A.2, had insisted the deceased to return the gold ornaments. She would further submit that, in the course of investigation, nine witnesses were examined and the matter is pending receipt of the RFSL report. It is also submitted that A.1 was arrested and subsequently released on regular bail. She would further submit that this Court may pass appropriate orders.

6. Considering the submissions made and upon perusal of the material on record, this Court finds that the role attributed to the petitioner/A.3 is limited in nature and that the investigation has progressed to a considerable extent, with A.1 having already been arrested and released on regular bail, this Court is of the view that the petitioner/A.3 can be granted the relief of pre-arrest bail subject to appropriate conditions.

7. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following conditions:

- i. In the event of his arrest, the Petitioner/A.3 shall be enlarged on bail subject to his executing a 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/A.3 shall make himself available for investigation as and when required;

- iii. The Petitioner/A.3 shall not cause any threat, inducement or promise to the prosecution witnesses;
 - iv. The Petitioner/A.3 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned once in a week i.e., on every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., till filing of the charge sheet.
 - v. The Petitioner/A.3 shall not leave the district limits without the express permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
 - vi. The Petitioner/A.3 shall surrender his passport, if any, to the investigating officer. If he claim that he does not have passport, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.
8. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.
9. It is also made clear that the observations made in this order are only for the purpose of deciding the bail applications and they shall not be construed as opinion on the merits of the Crime.

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

SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Tadipathri Town Police station
Ananthapuram District.
2. One CC to SRI. RAMAKRISHNA AKURATHI Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of A.P. [OUT]
4. One spare copy.

HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED:16/04/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

