



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

[3396]

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX
PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2845/2026**

Between:

1. NANDIGAM SURESH BABU, S/O POUL, (EX. MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT) AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, RESIDENT OF D.NO.2-5, UDDANDARAYUNIPALEM VILLAGE, THULLURU MANDAL, GUNTUR DISTRICT - 522241

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati Through Station House Officer, Thulluru Police Station, Guntur District.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 437/438/439/482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court pleased to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.84 of 2026 dated 03.04.2026 on the file of Thulluru Police Station, Guntur District, registered for the alleged offences under Sections 318(4) and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and pass

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Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant interim anticipatory bail in Crime No.84 of 2026 dated 03.04.2026 on the file of Thulluru Police Station, Guntur District, in the interest of justice, and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. Sudharsana Reddy J

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, by the Petitioner/A.1, to quash the proceedings against him in connection with Crime No.84 of 2026 of Thulluru Police Station, Guntur District, which is registered for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 351(2) of BNS, 2023.

When the matter is taken up for hearing, Sri Sudharshan Reddy Jalla, learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the petition may be disposed of by giving protection to the Petitioner *vide* guidelines of the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar***¹.

Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit that the offences registered against the Petitioner are punishable with imprisonment less than seven years and necessary direction may be given to the concerned Station House Officer and appropriate conditions may be imposed.

Considering the submissions, the Criminal Petition is disposed of with the following;

- a. Investigating Officer is at liberty to complete the investigation, in accordance with law.
- b. In the event of any coercive action sought to be taken against the Petitioner, concerned police authorities are directed to scrupulously follow the procedure prescribed under Section 35(3) of BNSS, which is *pari materia* to Section 41-A

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and the guidelines laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Arnesh Kumar's case (supra)*, which was reiterated in the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Satender Kumar Antil vs. Central Bureau of Investigation and anr²**.

- c. The Petitioner shall not make or publish or disseminate any information, statement, or post whether in print, electronic or social media concerning the present crime.
- d. The Petitioner shall not indulge in similar nature of the alleged crime.

Petitioner is at liberty to file a fresh petition as and when required, if any incriminating material is found against him during investigation.

Pending applications, if any, shall stands closed.

Dr.JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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². 2026 INSC 115

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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