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

[3396]

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2898/2026

Between:

1. CHIDKALA NARAYANAMURTHI, S/O NARAYANAMURTHI, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT
2. GOMPA VEERABABU, S/O NOOKARAJU, AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS, CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.
3. CHINTAKAYALA SATYA NARAYANA MURTHI, S/O VENKATA RAMAYYA, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS. CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.

...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 Petitioners/Accused Nos. 3, 5 and 7 on bail in connection with Crime No. 24/2026 of Kothananduru Police Station, Kakinada District, on such terms and conditions as this Honble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1.SRIPATHI RAVI TEJA

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

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CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2890/2026

Between:

1. RUTTALA SAI BHANU PRAKASH, S/O VARAHALU BABU, AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS, CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT. (PETITIONER NO.1/ACCUSED NO.8)
2. KALLA RAMESH, S/O SATYANARAYANA, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS. CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT. (PETITIONER NO.2 / ACCUSED NO.9)
3. ANKAMREDDY NARAYANA MURTHI, S/O SRI RAMURTHI. AGED ABOUT 39 YEARS. CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT. (PETITIONER NO.3 / ACCUSED NO. 12)
4. CHINTAKAYALA VENKATA THAMMAYYA DORA ALIAS THAMMAYYA DORA, S/O RAMANNA PATRUDU, AGED ABOUT 30 YEARS. CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O ALLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL. (PETITIONER NO.4 / ACCUSED NO. 13)
5. BANGARU VENKATA SATYA GOVINDU ALIAS GOVINDU, S/O CHINNANOOKARAJU LATE, AGED ABOUT 50 YEARS, CASTE K. VELAMA, R/O AJLIPUDI VILLAGE, KOTANANDURU MANDAL. (PETITIONER NO.5 / ACCUSED NO.14)

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Represented by the Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, through the Station House Officer, Kothananduru Police Station, Kakinada.

...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 Petitioners/Accused Nos. 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14 on bail in connection with Crime No. 24/2026 of Kothananduru Police Station, Kakinada District, on such terms and conditions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. SRIPATHI RAVI TEJA

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2898 and 2890 of 2026****COMMON ORDER:**

Since the subject matter of these Criminal Petitions is one and the same, at the request of the learned counsel on both sides, these petitions are heard together and passed the following common order.

2. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS"), by the petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 5,7,8,9,12,13 and 14 seeking grant of regular bail in connection with Crime No.24 of 2026 on the file of Kothananduru Police Station, Kakinada District. The said crime is registered for the offences punishable under Sections 61(2), 103(1), 109(1) read with 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNS").

3. The case of the prosecution, in brief, is that the de-facto complainant, who belongs to a political party, along with others, after attending birthday celebrations on 16.01.2026 at about 8:30 PM near the Village Secretariat, was returning to their respective houses. When they reached near the house of Accused No.1, the petitioners along with other persons allegedly attacked them with knives, iron rods, and sticks. In the said incident, one Lalam Bangarayya died due to stab injuries. It is further alleged that Accused persons attacked injured witness Chintakayala Srirammurthy, and Accused No.3 stabbed him on his face. The de-facto complainant was also assaulted with sticks and iron rods by all the accused. Hence, the case.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners/Accused Nos.3, 5,7,8,9,12,13 and 14 and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor for the State.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that due to political rivalry, a false case has been foisted against the petitioners. It is contended that though one person died and others sustained injuries in the alleged incident, there are no specific allegations connecting the present petitioners with the death of the deceased. Accused No.11 is a Government Employee working as Branch Post Master and the accused No.10 is a student. Their role is limited to an alleged attack on injured witness No.2 (L.W.1), and no overt acts are attributed to them in respect of the deceased. It is further submitted that the petitioners were arrested on 20.01.2026 and have been in judicial custody since then. The learned counsel also submits that, in fact, the petitioners were attacked by the de facto complainant and his associates, who trespassed into their house, caused damage to property, and inflicted injuries on them. The learned counsel for the petitioners submit that the petitioners are law-abiding citizens and are willing to furnish adequate sureties. Hence, it is prayed that they be enlarged on bail.

6. Per contra, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor strongly opposed the bail application, contending that the investigation is completed and charge sheet has been filed. It is further submitted that there is prevailing law and order tension in the village due to the incident. She would further submit that

Accused Nos.5 and 8 have criminal antecedents. She further expressed apprehension that if the petitioners are released on bail, they may tamper with evidence, threaten witnesses, and there is a likelihood of their absconding.

7. Considering the rival submissions of learned counsel and on perusal of the material available on record. The allegations against the petitioners disclose their active participation in the incident wherein one person lost his life and another sustained injuries. Though it is contended that there are no specific overt acts attributed to the petitioners in causing the death of the deceased, the material prima facie indicates their involvement in the attack on the injured witness. The offence alleged is grave in nature and arose out of political rivalry, which appears to have created tension in the locality. Further, the apprehension expressed by the prosecution regarding the possibility of the petitioners influencing witnesses, tampering with evidence, and causing disturbance to law and order cannot be brushed aside at this stage, this Court is not inclined to exercise discretion in favour of the petitioners for grant of bail at this stage.

8. Accordingly, these Criminal Petitions are dismissed.

DR. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

Date: 23.04.2026.

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2898 and 2890 of 2026

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HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH:: AMARAVATI**MAIN CASE NO.: CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2898 and 2890 of 2026****PROCEEDING SHEET**

Sl. No.	Date	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
3	23.04.2026	<u>Dr.VJP,J</u> These Criminal Petition are dismissed. (Vide separate common Order) <u>Dr.VJP, J</u> KKV	