

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF APRIL,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3028 OF 2026

BETWEEN:

1. Korrubothu Rohit, S/o K.Purushotham, Aged about 32 years, R/o. D/No. 12-57/2, Subhash Colony, VTC Bhupallapalli, PO Bhupalapalli, Warangal District, Telangana.
2. Korubothu Nagamani, C/o K.Purushotham, Aged 40 years, R/o. D/No. 12-57/2, Subhash Colony, VTC Bhupallapalli, PO Bhupalapalli, Warangal District, Telangana.
3. Gavvala Sushrutha, C/o Gavvala Vinay, 768, Jangedu, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Warangal District, Telangana.
4. Durga @ Pesaru Rajeswari, W/o Pesaru Ram Chander, Age: 50 Years, R/o D.No.26-3-109/1, Samidi, Hanumakonda Mandal, Kazipeta Warangal Dist, Pin: 506003, Telangana.

...Petitioner/Accused 1 to 4

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court at Amaravathi for the State of Andhra Pradesh.

...Respondent/Respondent

2. Mopidevi Kavya, D/o Narasimha Raju, Age 21 years, R/o. D/No. 20-4-11a, Rehman Street, Krishna Lanka, Vijayawada, NTR Krishna District.

...Respondent/Defacto 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 grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners in the event of his arrest in Crime No.245 of 2025 on the file of Krishnalanka

Police Station, NTR Commissionerate District, by imposing such conditions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Jaya Prakash Madasu, Advocate for the Petitioners and of Public Prosecutor for Respondent No.1, the Court made the following

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3028/2026ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the *Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023* (for brevity, "BNSS") by the Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4 seeking grant of anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.245 of 2025 on the file of Krishnalanka Police Station, NTR Commissionerate District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 318(4) read with Section 3(5) of the *Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita* (BNS) and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

2. Heard Sri Jaya Prakash Madasu, learned counsel for the petitioners, and Mrs. K. Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor for the State. Notice is served on the de-facto complainant. None were represented on behalf of her.

3. The case of prosecution in brief is that the alleged incident of cheating occurred prior to 27.12.2025 at about 21:00 hours at Door No.41-20-4-11A, Rahman Street, Krishnalanka, Vijayawada, and was reported on the same day. The de facto complainant, Mopidevi Kavya, aged 21 years, stated that she is residing at the said address and is the only child of her parents. Through her mother's relatives, a marriage proposal was finalized with one Kursbothu Rohith of Bhupalpally Village, Warangal District. Rohith works as a car driver, and his father is employed in Singareni. Both families remained in

contact, but the marriage was postponed for one year due to the death of Rohith's grandmother. The engagement was held on 23.10.2025, and both families agreed upon dowry terms of ₹1,00,000/- and 5 tolas of gold, fixing the marriage for 15.11.2025. On 11.11.2025, Rohith's mother informed that Rohith met with an accident, leading to postponement of the marriage. Thereafter, his family allegedly avoided fixing a new date. It is further alleged that despite publicly announcing the marriage, Rohith later demanded ₹5,00,000/- and additional gold, and threatened to release her photographs if the demands were not met, ultimately refusing to marry her. Hence, the complaint was lodged seeking action against Rohith and his family members.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that initially the case was registered under Section 318 of BNS read with Section 3(5) of BNS, and the petitioners appeared before the police and obtained station bail. It is contended that subsequently, the de facto complainant and others allegedly attacked the petitioners' house, and a report was submitted to the police in that regard. It is further submitted that later, the police altered the section of law by including Section 69(1) of BNS, though the original complaint does not disclose any ingredients attracting the said provision. The learned counsel argues that the marriage was arranged by elders and was postponed due to genuine reasons, including a death of his grand mother in the family and an accident, and there was no dishonest intention.

5. The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition, stating that investigation is still pending. However, it is fairly conceded that there were initially no ingredients attracting Section 69 of BNS, which led to filing of an alteration memo.

6. Upon consideration of the submissions and material on record, it is evident that the initial complaint lacks specific allegations constituting an offence under Section 69 of BNS. The subsequent statement of the de facto complainant before the Magistrate cannot be conclusively evaluated at this stage. The material indicates that the marriage was arranged by elders and postponed due to unavoidable circumstances. At this stage, without expressing any opinion on merits, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail.

- i. The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall appear before the concerned Magistrate Court within a period of one (1) week from the date of this order and shall furnish personal bonds for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) each with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the said Court;
- ii. On release, the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, twice in a month i.e., on 2nd Sunday and 4th Sunday of every month, between 10:00 AM and 05:00 PM, till filing of charge sheet.
- iii. The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall make themselves available for investigation as and when

required and shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer for further investigation.

- iv. The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall not cause any threat, inducement or promise to the prosecution witnesses;
 - v. The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall surrender their passports, if any, to the Court concerned. If they claim that they do not have passports, they shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Court concerned.
 - vi. The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 4, shall not leave the country, without express permission from the concerned Court.
7. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.
8. It is also made clear that the observations made in this order are only for the purpose of deciding the bail application and they shall not be construed as opinion on the merits of the case.
9. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

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

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SD/- S.SHYAMALA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Krishnalanka Police Station, NTR Commissionerate District.
2. One CC to Sri Jaya Prakash Madasu, 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:29/04/2026

ANTICIPATORY BAIL ORDER

CRLP.No.3028 of 2026

ALLOWED

