

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
TUESDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SURESH REDDY
AND
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA
IA No. 1 OF 2026
IN
CRLA NO: 272 OF 2026

Between:

Bandi Raghu, S/o. Late Veera Raju, Aged about 49 Years, Church pastor H.No. 99, Ganjipeta, Cantonment, Vizianagaram District

...Petitioner

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati. Through Superintendent of Police, Mahila Police Station Vizianagaram.
2. The Victim

Complainants/Respondents

Counsel for the Petitioner: Sri B.Sudhakar Kumar

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: Public Prosecutor

Petition under Section 430 (1) of BNSS is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail by suspend the sentence of the order Dt. 23-03-2026 passed by the Hon'ble Special Judge for Trial of Cases under POCSO Sessions Judge at Vizianagaram in POCSO Sc.

No. 13 of 2025, Pending disposal of CRLA No.272 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The court while directing issue of notice to the Respondents herein to show cause as to why this application should not be complied with, made the following order.(The receipt of this order will be deemed to be the receipt of notice in the case). The Court made the following

ORDER

Heard.

As the petitioner/appellant/A.6 was convicted for the offence punishable under Section 10 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year and to pay a fine of Rs.5,000/-, in default to suffer simple imprisonment for one month, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner/appellant on bail by suspending the sentence of imprisonment alone, imposed by the learned Special Sessions Judge for Trial of Cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, at Vizianagaram, in POCSO S.C. No. 13 of 2025, dated 23.03.2026, pending disposal of the present Criminal Appeal.

2. The petitioner/appellant/A.6 is directed to be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two (02) sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Sessions Judge for Trial of Cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, at Vizianagaram.

3. The petitioner/appellant/A.6 is directed to report before the Station House Officer concerned once in a month i.e., 1st of every month. The petitioner/appellant/A.6 is also directed to appear before this Court whenever the case stands posted for hearing.

4. Accordingly, with the above directions, this application is allowed.

Sd/- U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Special Judge for Trial of Cases under POCSO Sessions Judge at Vizianagaram
2. The SHO, Mahila Police Station, Vizianagaram.
3. One CC to Sri B.Sudhakar Kumar Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
5. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

KSR, J

&

AHHS, J

DATED: 21/04/2026

ORDER

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I.A.NO.1 OF 2026 IS ORDERED

