

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No: CrI.P.No.3363 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

<u>SL. NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>OFFICE NOTE</u>
	01.05.2026	<u>Dr.YLR, J</u> Sri C. Raghu, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Petitioner/Accused No.13, submits that the allegation against the Petitioner is that he had harboured the main offenders, and the offence of harbouring principal offenders is punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years. Therefore, the Petitioner is entitled to the benefit under Section 35(3) of the BNSS. On the other hand, Sri M. Lakshminarayana, learned Public Prosecutor, submits that the Investigating Officer has collected certain material in the course of investigation, namely Google data and call data records, which disclose that all the accused participated in the alleged murder of the father of Respondent No.2 by conspiring together. Be that as it may, the Investigating Officer is directed to follow the provisions of the BNSS.	

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		In the course of investigation, if it is revealed that the Petitioner is liable for an offence punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years, the Investigating Officer shall follow the procedure contemplated under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, “the BNSS”). However, the Petitioner shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in all aspects for receiving notice under Section 35(3) of ‘the BNSS’, and the Investigating Officer may proceed with further investigation. If the investigation reveals commission of any offence punishable with imprisonment exceeding seven years, the Investigating Officer is at liberty to proceed in accordance with law. Post after Summer Vacation, 2026. Dr.YLR, J KMS	