

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

CRL.P.No.3522 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No	DATE	ORDER	Office Note
01.	28.04.2026	<u>SS,J</u> <u>I.A.No.01 of 2026</u> This is an application filed to dispense with the filing of certified copy of FIR in Crime No.8 of 2026 dated 11.02.2026 of Chinthapalli police station, Alluri Seetharamaraju District, pending disposal of present petition; the same is considered and allowed. SS, J <u>CRL.P.No.3522 of 2026</u> The instant Criminal Petition is filed for quashing a proceeding being Crime No.8 of 2026 of Chinthapalli Police Station, Alluri Seetharamaraju District registered for the offence punishable under Section 137(2), 332(c) BNS, Sections 10 & 11 of Prohibition of child marriage Act 2026, Section 7 and 8 of POCSO Act, 2012, Section 204, 351(1), 319(2) BNS and Section 11 r/w 12 of POCSO Act. The present petitioner is arrayed as accused in the said crime. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at the time of alleged offence the victim was major, thus, the POCSO Act is not applicable. He further submits that the allegations against the petitioner are baseless and concocted and he prayed	

		the Court to quash the proceedings. The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submits that the proceedings are in crime stage, investigation is still pending, at this stage quashing of proceedings is not possible. Having heard the learned counsels for parties, it appears that there is prima facie merit to entertain the Criminal Petition and that the same be admitted. Statute dictates mandatory service of notice to defacto complainant. Accordingly, Station House Officer concerned, is directed to serve notice of the proceedings to respondent No.1/ defacto complainant apprising her right of representation in this matter through Legal Services Authority. List the matter after summer vacation, 2026. _____ SS, J <u>I.A.No.2 of 2026</u> Having heard the learned counsel for the parties as it appears that the investigation is going on, the petitioner had already arrested and enlarged on bail, this Court is not in a position to stall the investigation, however, State is directed to submit a report, after conducting enquiry, regarding the age of the victim. _____ SS, J sj	
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