

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH :: AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE No: CrI.P.No.3661 of 2026

PROCEEDING SHEET

<u>SL. NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORDER</u>	<u>OFFICE NOTE</u>
02.	01.05.2026	<u>Dr.YLR, J</u> Heard the learned Counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Since the alleged offences leveled against the Petitioner/Accused No.3 are punishable with imprisonment for less than seven (07) years, the Investigating Officer is directed to comply with the guidelines issued by the Hon'ble Apex Court in Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar¹, and also with the provisions of Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, 'the BNSS'). However, the Petitioners shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer 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	

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273

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	01.05.2026	years, the Investigating Officer is at liberty to proceed in accordance with law. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the matter is referred to mediation. Sri R V Surendranath Varma, learned trained mediator is appointed as mediator in this case. The Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee, is directed to issue necessary proceedings in that regard. The fee for the Mediator shall be fixed at a later point of time. The Petitioner and Respondent No.2 shall appear before the mediator on 08.05.2026, or on any other date convenient to both parties and the mediator, and shall co-operate with the mediation. The Station House Officer concerned is hereby directed to drive the parties before the learned trained mediator for amicable settlement. Post the matter after Summer Vacation–2026, for the Mediator’s report. _____ Dr.YLR, J KMS	<i>contd...</i>

