

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

**MONDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF JUNE,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

**IA No. 2 OF 2026
IN
CRLP NO: 4871 OF 2026**

Between:

1. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India, Pattabhipuram Branch, Guntur - 522 006.
2. The Deputy General Manager, State Bank of India, Administrative Office, Arundelpet, Guntur.
3. The General Manager - II, State Bank of India, Local Head Office, (Amaravati), Abids, Hyderabad.

...Petitioners

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, at Amaravathi.
2. B.P.Thirupalu, S/o.Pitchaiah, Aged 67 years, Occ: Addl.Superintendent of Police, Flat No.503, Fortune Heights, Rajendra Nagar, Guntur - 522 006.

...Respondents

Counsel for the Petitioners: Sri K B RAMANNA DORA

Counsel for the Respondent No.1: PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS./482 of Cr.P.C., is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the CriminalPetition, the High Court may be pleased to stay all further Proceedings including arrest of the petitioners in connection with FIR

No.307/2026 of PS Pattabhipuram, Guntur District for the offences under Sections 316 (5), 318 (4), 340 (1), 61 (2) r/w 3 (5) BNS;

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:

"1. This application is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 to stay all further proceedings including arrest of the petitioners in connection with FIR No.307 of 2026 of PS Pattabhipuram, Guntur District for the offence under Sections 316(5), 318(4), 340(1), 61(2) read with 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Sri K.B. Ramanna Dora, learned counsel for the petitioners asserts that the petitioners are the Bank employees who are discharging their duties in consonance with the guidelines issued by the regulated authority. He submits that the respondent No.2 who is a retired Additional Superintendent of Police making successive, repeated complaints to the different forums taking different divergent stands according to the situation to maintain case only.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners brought to the notice of this Court that initially respondent No.2 lodged the FIR No.350 of 2021 of Lalapet Police Station against one Manikanta for the offences under Sections 420, 406, 468, 506 IPC and Section 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) of Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes (POA) Act, 1989. In the said case, this Court in Crl.P.No.4033 of 2021 granted interim order on 20.07.2021.

4. Further, the respondent No.2 also filed P.L.C.No.11 of 2026 before the District Legal Services Authority, Guntur arraying the State Bank of India, rep. by its Branch Manager as respondent. The said

Authority after verifying all the aspects closed the case on 03.03.2026 (Ex.P7).

5. Later on, respondent No.2 also approached the Superintendent of Police by way of P.G.R.S. dated 06.05.2026 and the said complaint was not taken into consideration by the concerned police due to ground realities.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners further draw the attention of this Court that the respondent No.2 also approached the District Consumer Forum, Guntur arraying the respondent as a party respondent, wherein the said C.C. was partly allowed by the said Forum and also said orders in F.A.No.511 of 2025 by the Andhra Pradesh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission at Vijayawada and the matter is sub-judice.

7. Thereafter, on 29.05.2026 the respondent No.1/Additional Superintendent of Police (retired) with all articulation taking divergent stand filed present FIR against the State Bank of India authorities more particularly, in their official capacity.

8. Basing upon the above material on record, the learned counsel for the petitioners submit that the respondent No.2 who is a retired person is habituated to file successive petition in different forums only to settle his private scores with the Bank officials.

9. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case and also well settled principle held in *Jayahari & Another Vs. State of Kerala & Another* (Criminal Appeal No.128 of 2022 dated 25.01.2022) by the Hon'ble Apex Court, there shall be interim stay of all further proceedings in connection with FIR in Crime No.307 of 2026 of PS Pattabhipuram, Guntur District, for a period of twelve (12) weeks."

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Sd/- N. Nagamma
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

NB
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Pattabhipuram Police Station, Guntur District.
2. B.P. Thirupalu, S/o.Pitchaiah Aged 67 years Occ Addl. Superintendent of Police, Flat No.503, Fortune Heights, Rajendra Nagar, Guntur - 522 006. (By RPAD)
3. One CC to Sri. K B RAMANNA DORA, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of A.P. [OUT]
5. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

MRK, J

DATED:22/06/2026

POST THE MATTER ON 31.08.2026.

ORDER



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INTERIM STAY