

HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MAIN CASE: Cri.P.No.6788 OF 2024

PROCEEDING SHEET

Sl. No.	DATE	ORDER	OFFICE NOTE
05.	13.03.2025	<u>HN, J</u> The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.5 in Crime No.22 of 2017, on the file of Rajampet Urban Police Station, Rajampet Manda, Kadapa District, for the alleged offence under Sections 376(1), 120(b), 366(A) read with 34 of the Indian panel Code (for short, "IPC") and Sections 6(c), 7 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (for short, "POCSO" Act), 2012. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is shown as an absconding accused in the charge sheet filed by the police and the case has been taken on file as S.C.No.49 of 2022, on the file of the I Additional District Judge, Kadapa. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the said case was transferred to the Special Court for the trial of offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (for short, "POCSO" Act), 2012, on 10.02.2022.	

		The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor is directed to ascertain status of the case. It is submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner only assisted the 1st accused by providing financial assistance and arranging a house for the 1st accused. It is further submitted that the 1st accused had married the <i>de facto complainant</i>, who is the victim. For the said allegations, the petitioner cannot be held liable for offence punishable under Section 376(1). It is submitted that the petitioner is staying in Dubai and has been working there for the last several years. It is submitted that the petitioner used to visit his parents who are in India. Considering the same, there shall be a stay of all further proceedings insofar as the petitioner is concerned in Crime No.22 of 2017 on the file of Rajampet Urban Police Station, Rajampet Mandal, Kadapa District, insofar as the petitioner is concerned. The learned counsel for the petitioner(s) permitted to take out personal notice on the 2nd respondent by RPAD and file proof of service in the Registry. Post the matter on 17.04.2025. _____ HN, J NKA	
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