



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA
PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3504]

**FRIDAY, THE 17th DAY OF JULY 2026
PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO
KUNCHEAM**

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10344/2025

Between:

1. PADAGAPATI GURAVA REDDY, S/O BALA GURAVA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS, R/O RAVVAVARAM VILLAGE, NUZENDIA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.
2. KORE GUNDA RAO, S/O RANGA BABU, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 1-12, POTHAVARAM VILLAGE, DARSI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT
3. BEERAM VENKATESWARA REDDY, S/O ROSI REDDY, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 4-1490, PODILI ROAD, DARSI TOWN AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
4. YAPARTHI KONDAIAH, S/O CHINNA VENKATESWARLU, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS R/O DOOR NO 2-15, PATHAREDDYPALEM, NUZENDIA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.
5. KOPPULA RANGA RAO, S/O VENKATESWARLU, AGED ABOUT 43 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 6-980, DARSI TOWN AND MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
6. PANEM KRISHNA REDDY, S/O GURAVA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 53 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 2-58A, VENKATACHALAMPALLI VILLAGE, DARSI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT
7. CHINTALAPUDI NARAYANA REDDY, S/O NARAPA REDDY, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 9-37, BASIREDDIPALLI VILLAGE, DARSI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.
8. GAJULA VENKATAPATI ALIAS PATHI, S/O VENKATESWARLU, AGED ABOUT 42 YEARS, R/O DOOR NO 3-66, CHANDALURU VILLAGE, DARSI MANDAL, PRAKASAM DISTRICT.

9.MADDUKURI BRAHMAM ALIAS BRAMHAIAH, S/O VENKATA RAO, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS,R/O DOOR NO 1-176, DONDAPADU VILLAGE,VINUKONDA MANDAL, PALNADU DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1.THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep by its Public Prosecutor,High Court of Andhra Pradesh. Through Kurichedu P.S, Prakasam District.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 437/438/439/482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Courtpleased to quash the proceedings in connection with STC.No. 10/2025 on the file of the court of the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Darsi, Praksam district in the interests of justice.

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Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant stay of all further proceedings including the appearance of the petitioners in connection with STC.No.10/2025 on the file of the court of the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Darsi, Prakasam district pending disposal of the above criminal petition in the interests of justice.

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1.G V S MEHAR KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10344 of 2025****The Court made the following Order:**

Instant Criminal Petition, under Section 528 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023, has been filed on behalf of the petitioners herein, seeking to quash the proceedings in STC No.10 of 2025 on the file of the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Darsi, Prakasam District for the offence punishable under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Gaming Act, 1974.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of respondent No.1-State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners herein are charged for the offence punishable under Section 3 of the Andhra Pradesh Gaming Act, 1974, in STC No.10 of 2025 on the file of the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Darsi, Prakasam District.

4. During the course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioners restricted his prayer to the extent of dispensing with the personal appearance of petitioners herein in the STC proceedings before the trial Court.

5. On the other hand, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submits that there are specific allegations against the petitioners herein and as such, he opposed the prayer of the petitioners.

6. However, considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned Assistant Public Prosecutor and after perusal of the entire material available on record, the presence of petitioners alone before the Judicial First Class Magistrate, Darsi, Prakasam District in STC No.10 of 2025 is hereby dispensed with, except on those dates when the learned Judge feels that their presence is necessary.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Interlocutory applications, if any, pending shall stand closed.

JUSTICE MAHESWARA RAO KUNCHEAM

Date: 17.07.2026
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