

HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THURSDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRLP NO: 6318 AND 6319 OF 2026

CRLP NO: 6318 OF 2026:

Between

1. Vemula Malla Reddy, (A-1), S/o. Raghava Reddy.
2. Vemula Anitha, (A-2), W/o. Malla Reddy.
3. Vemula Raghavendra Reddy, (A-3), S/o. Malla Reddy.
4. Vemula Sushmitha, (A-4), W/o. Vemula Raghavendra Reddy
5. Vemula Srinitha Reddy, (A-5), W/o. Harith Reddy.
6. B. Harith Reddy, (A-7), S/o. Narasimha Reddy

.....PETITIONER/Accused

AND

1. The State of Telangana., through Inspector of Police, Economic Offences Wing P.S., Cyberabad, Rep. by Public Prosecutor, Telangana State.

Respondent

2. Vemula Kista Reddy., S/o.Raghava Reddy, Aged about 55 Yrs, Occ . Business. R/o. Villa No.105. Saket Bhusatva, Goudavelly, Medchal Mandal.

.....RESPONDENT/Complainant

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the CRIMINAL PETITION, the High Court may be to quash the F.I.R. No. 36 of 2026 dated 17.04.2026 on the File of EOW Cyberabad, against the Petitioners.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the CRIMINAL PETITION, the High Court may be to grant stay of all further proceedings including the arrest of the petitioners in F.I.R. No. 36 of 2026 dated 17.04.2026 on the File of EOW Cyberabad, pending disposal of CRLP No 6318 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri P Sri Harsha Reddy

Advocate for the Petitioners and Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent No. 1, the Court made the following.

CRLP NO: 6319 OF 2026:

Between

1. Panyala Papi Reddy., S/o. P. Narayana Reddy.
2. Smt. Panyala Sunitha., W/o. Panyala Papi Reddy.

.....PETITIONERS/Accused Nos. 9 and 10

AND

1. The State of Telangana., Rep. by Station House Officer, EOW Police Station, Cyberabad, Through its Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad.
2. Vemula Kista Reddy (@ Vemula Krishna Reddy., S/o. Late Vemula Raghava Reddy, Aged about 58 years, Occ. Business, R/o. Villa No.105, Saket Bhusatva, Goedvally, Medchal . Malkajgiri District.

.....RESPONDENTS/Defacto Complainant

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the CRIMINAL PETITION, the High Court may be to call for the records in connection with FIR No.36 of 2026, dated 17.04.2026, on the file of the P.S. Economic Offences Wing, Cyberabad and quash the same qua the petitioners herein being Accused Nos 9 and 10.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the CRIMINAL PETITION, the High Court may be to stay all further proceedings in connection with FIR No.36 of 2026, dated 17.04.2026, on the file of the P.S. Economic Offences Wing, Cyberabad., pending disposal of CRLP No 6319 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the petition and the grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri N Naveen Kumar Advocate for the Petitioner and Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent No. 1, the Court made the following.

ORDER

These criminal petitions have been filed for seeking to quash the proceedings in F.I.R.No.36 of 2026, on the file of the Economic Offences Wing, Cyberabad, wherein the petitioners were arrayed as accused Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, 9 and 10 for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 336(3), 338,

340(2), 344 and 351(2) read with 61(2) of Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNS').

Heard Mr. Vedula Venkata Ramana, learned Senior Counsel, representing Sri P.Sri Harsha Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners in CrI.P.No.6318 of 2026, Mr.B.Madan Mohan Rao, learned Senior Counsel, representing Mr. N.Naveen Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioners in CrI.P.No.6319 of 2026.

Both learned Senior Counsel submit that the petitioners have not committed any offence and the nature of allegations levelled in the complaint are purely civil in nature in respect of affairs and management of the Educational Society namely 'Vemula Raghava Reddy Lakshamma Educational Society'.

The respondent No.2 submitted a covering letter to the Registrar of Societies, R.O., (O.B) Ranga Reddy District, Prashanth Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, on 01.04.2026. Basing on the said covering letter, the Registrar of Societies, Ranga Reddy District had issued proceedings No.Endt.No.4574/Soc/2026, dated 07.04.2026 informing the parties that in the event of any dispute arising among the committee or the members of the Society, in respect of any matter relating to the affairs of the Society, any member of the society may proceed with the dispute under the provision of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, or may file an application in the District Court concerned, as per the provisions of Section 23 of Telangana Societies Registration Act, 2001.

They further submit that the *de-facto* complainant without approaching the competent Civil Court as required under the provisions of the Act, 2001 or invoking the Arbitration clause, filed the present complaint on 17.04.2026 by giving it a criminal colour especially the ingredients of the offences under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 336(3), 338, 340(2), 344, 351(2) read with 61(2) of BNS are not attracted. They also submit that the Investigation Officer without conducting preliminary enquiry as per the principle laid down by the Hon'ble Apex Court in *Lalita Kumari vs Government of Uttar Pradesh and others*¹, registered the crime and proceeding further and the same is contrary to law.

¹ (2014) 2 SCC

Per Contra, Mr. B.S.Prasad, learned Senior Counsel representing M/s.Pearl Law Associates, for respondent No.2/ *de facto* Complainant submits that the petitioners have not filed all the documents which are enclosed along with the complaint dated 17.04.2026 and also the documents filed before the Registrar of Societies along with covering letter dated 01.04.2026, which are very much necessary for adjudication of the present criminal petition and he seeks a short adjournment.

At his request, post on 27.04.2026 in 'adjourned motion list'.

Till such time, the Investigation officer is directed not to take coercive steps insofar as the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 5, 7, 9 and 10.

Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent No.1/State seeks time for getting instructions.

Sd/- B.REKHA RANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Principal Junior Civil Judge cum Metropolitan Magistrate Ranga Reddy District, LB Nagar.
2. The Station House Officer, Economic Offences Wing P.S., Cyberabad.
3. Vemula Kista Reddy., S/o.Raghava Reddy, Aged about 55 Yrs, Occ . Business. R/o. Villa No.105, Saket Bhusatva, Goudavelly, Medchal Mandal.[By SPAD]
4. One CC to Sri. P SRI HARSHA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
5. CC to Sri. N Naveen Kumar Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR High Court for the State of Telangana. at Hyderabad [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

JSR, J

DATED: 23-04-2026

POST ON 27.04.2026 IN 'ADJOURNED
MOTION LIST'.

ORDER



CRLP.No.6318 and 6319 of 2026

DIRECTION