

**THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6823 of 2026

DATE :01.05.2026

Between :

Panuganti Pawan and 03 others.

... Petitioner/Accused Nos.2,3,4,5

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad.

... Respondent

: ORDER :

This criminal petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioners/Accused Nos.2, 3 4 and 5 seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.155 of 2026 of Kalwakurthy Police Station, Nagarkurnool. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 69, 89, 127(4), 352 read with 3(5) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report before the Police on 23.04.2026, wherein she stated that she was acquainted with the accused No.1 through Instagram ID and continued and thereafter he proposed to her and she also accepted the proposal. After that,

de-facto complainant and accused No.1 met at Kalwakurthy and continue their relationship. In the year 2025, the accused No.1 had a physical relationship with the *de-facto* complainant and thereafter she got pregnant, on 25.02.2026 they went to Mallappa Gutta and performed marriage. After that, accused No.1 parents and relatives forcibly took the de-facto complainant from Talakondapally to Kalwakurthy to the house of their relatives, where she was wrongfully confined by the petitioners herein. After that the accused No.1 gave pills for abortion and threatened her to take the pills. On 12.03.2026, he allegedly attempted to force her to consume poison but she resisted and threw it away. Thereafter, the de-facto complainant and the accused No.1 stayed together in a rented room at Hyderabad for about one month. On 09.04.2026, the accused No.1 left for work and did not return for several days. When later contacted, the accused No.1 he refused to continue the relationship stating that she had lodged a complaint against him. Hence, she requested the police to take necessary action, and based on the same, the Police registered the case against the accused for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri S. Mahesh, learned counsel for the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners is that as the *de-facto* married with the accused No.1 and only after marriage there are disputes between them and which does not attract Section 69 of the BNS. The relationship between the *de-facto* complainant and the accused No.1 is consensual in nature. He also submitted that petitioners are ready to co-operate with the investigation. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioners by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail stating that the alleged offences against the petitioners are serious in nature. Therefore, the petitioners are not entitled for anticipatory bail and requested this Court to dismiss the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by both the parties and the material on record, it is observed that accused No.1 and *de-facto* complainant has already married and Section 69 of BNS is not attracted. In that view of the matter, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Kalwakurthy Police Station, Nagarkurnool District

within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release the petitioners on bail on their executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each with two sureties, for the like sum each.

ii. The petitioners shall appear before the concerned SHO between 09.00 a.m. and 05.00 p.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier and thereafter, as and when required.

iii. The petitioners shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482 (2) of BNSS and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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