



[3385] 2025:TSHC:43481

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

**FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 13305 OF 2025

Between:

Bandi Kumar, S/o Rajaiah, Aged 39 years, Occ Journalist, R/o H, No 1- 72,
Peddagopathi, Konijerla Mandal, Khammam District.

...Petitioner/Accused No.2

AND

1. State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public prosecutor, High Court at Hyderabad.
2. S. Sampath Kumar, S/o. Unknown, Age Not Known Years, Occ Govt.
Employee, R/o. Karepalli Village, Singareni Mandal, Khammam City and
District.

...Respondents

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant Anticipatory bail to the Petitioner/Accused No. 2 in FIR No. 65 of 2025 Dt. 06- 03- 2025 in the event of arrest on the file of Karepalli P.S, Khammam for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 132, 308(2), 356(3), r/w 3(5) BNS on such terms and conditions.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Pullabhotla VLS Srichakrapani, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri D Arun Kumar, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No.1 and none appeared for the Respondent No.2.

The Court made the following: ORDER



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THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.2 in Crime No.65 of 2025 of Karepalli Police Station, Khammam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 296(b), 132, 308(2), 356(3) r/w 3(5) of the BNS.

2. Heard Sri Pullabhotla VLS Srichakrapani, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent No.1 - State.

3. Without going into the merits of the case, since the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioner are less than seven (07) years, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 31.10.2025



between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m. and in turn, the Investigating Officer is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 35 (3) of BNSS (previously Section 41-A of Cr.P.C.) and also the guidelines formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Armesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**¹ scrupulously. However, the petitioner shall submit his defense and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and produce all relevant documents/material required for the purpose of the investigation and the Investigating Officer shall consider the same before filing appropriate report before the learned Magistrate concerned.

4. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

SD/- K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The III Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Khammam
2. The Station House Officer, Karepalli Police Station, Khammam
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
4. One CC to Sri Pullabhotla VLS Srichakrapani, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CD Copies

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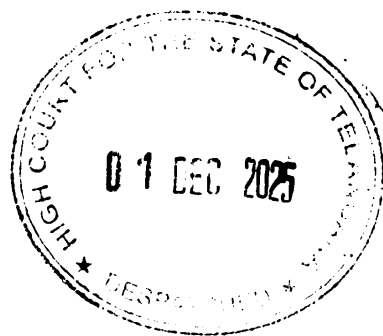
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 24/10/2025

ORDER

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DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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