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

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

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE TIRUMALA DEVI EADA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 14067 OF 2025

Between:

Mr. Gangireddy Satyanarayana Reddy, S/o. Mallerreddy, Age 52 yrs Occ: Business
R/o 4-21, Jagadevpet, Karimnagar District

...Petitioner/Accused 1

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by Its Public Prosecutor High Court for the State of Telangana and At, Hyderabad.
2. Mr. Thirupathi Nalla,, S/o. Mondaiah Age 45 yrs Occ Agriculture, R/o. Velgatoor, Jagdevpeta, Jagitial, T.G.

...Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to quash the Complaint in Cr. No. 272 of 2025 dated. 20-10-2025, U/s. 292 BNS, 3(1) (r) (s) SC ST POA Act registered with Police Station Velgatur, Jagitial District.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2025

Petition under Section 528 of B.N.S.S. praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to stay all further proceedings in Cr No 272 of 2025 dated 20/10/2025 U/s 292 BNS 3(1) (r) (s) SC ST POA Act registered with Police Station Velgatur Jagitial District including arrest of the petitioner pending disposal of the above Criminal Petition.



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This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Thomas Lloyd, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, 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 HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE TIRUMALA DEVI EADA

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ORDER:

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking the Court to quash the proceedings against the petitioner/accused No.1 in Crime No.272 of 2025, on the file of Velgatur Police Station, Jagtial District, registered for the offences punishable under Section 292 of BNS, 2023 and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of SCs/STs (POA) Act.
2. Heard Mr.Thomas Lloyds, learned counsel for the petitioner/accused No.1 as well as Sri Jitender Rao Veeramalla, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent No.1-State.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has restricted his submission stating that a direction be issued to the Police to follow the procedure prescribed under Section 35 (3) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS').
4. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the punishment prescribed for the offences alleged against the petitioner is less than seven (07) years and has sought for directions to the Police to proceed with investigation by issuing

notice under Section 35(3) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS').

5. Perused the record. The allegations leveled against the petitioners pertain to the offences under Section 292 of BNS, 2023 and Section 3(1)(r)(s) of SCs/STs (POA) Act, which attracts punishment of less than seven years. Hence, without going into the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner/accused No.1 to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 21.11.2025 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 the BNSS (previously Section 41-A of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973) and also the guidelines formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in **Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar**¹ scrupulously. However, the petitioner/accused No.1 shall submit his defense and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and producing all relevant documents/material required for the purpose of investigation and the Investigating Officer shall consider the same and complete the investigation strictly in accordance with law.

¹ (2014) 8 SCC 273



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6. Accordingly the Criminal Petition is disposed of.
7. As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions, pending if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- AHMED ABDULLA KHAN
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Velgatoor Police Station, Jagitial District.
2. One CC to Sri. Thomas Lloyd, Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana. [OUT]
4. Two CD Copies.

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HIGH COURT

DATED:31/10/2025

ORDER

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DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION.

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13/11/25