



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. /2026
@ SLP (CRL) NO.1939/2026

PULICHERI SRIRAM APPELLANT
VERSUS
STATE OF TELANGANA RESPONDENT

O R D E R

1. Heard.
2. Leave granted.
3. One Duvvuri Mythreya lodged a complaint alleging that his father Late D. Sada Sivudu was suffering from ill health and eventually expired while undergoing treatment and his mobile phone was not traced and later on it was discovered when the savings bank account of his father had multiple transactions, namely, withdrawal of Rs.96,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Six Lakhs) and found that amounts of complainant's father was transferred to the accounts of accused Nos.2 and 3 and during the course of the investigation, it was found that the said amount was taken by the

appellant - accused No.1. It is also alleged that the appellant had informed the family that he was in possession of the bank account details as well as Gmail accounts and passwords of the deceased and when the complainant sought for the details of the bank account from accused, he denied and later on, it came to the knowledge of the complainant about amounts in the bank account of the deceased - father had been missing. Hence, an FIR came to be registered in Crime No.158/2025 for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4) and 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

4. Having heard the learned counsels appearing for the parties, we notice this Court had granted interim protection subject to appellant cooperating with the investigation. The status report which has since been filed by the State would indicate that subsequent to the orders passed by this Court, appellant has appeared before the Investigating Officer on 20.04.2026 and 21.04.2026. The evidence that is being

collected during the course of the investigation are all matter of record on in other words, it is borne out by documentary evidence, as such we are of the considered view that custodial interrogation of the appellant may not be warranted. Hence, we allow the appeal, set aside the impugned order and direct the appellant to be released on anticipatory bail by the Investigating Officer on such terms and conditions as he deems fit including the condition of directing the appellant to appear before the trial court on all dates of hearing and to cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation if any.

5. Pending application(s), if any, stands consigned to records.

.....J.
(ARAVIND KUMAR)

.....J.
(PRASANNA B. VARALE)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 11, 2026.

ITEM NO.7

COURT NO.14

SECTION II

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (Crl.)
No(s).1939/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order
dated 08-01-2026 in CRLP No.16857/2025 passed by
the High Court for The State of Telangana at
Hyderabad]

PULICHERI SRIRAM

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF TELANGANA

Respondent(s)

IA No. 34833/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF
THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 11-05-2026 This matter was called on for
hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARAVIND KUMAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASANNA B. VARALE

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Abhishek Kumar Singh, Adv.
Mr. Sachin Saini, AOR
Mr. Siddhartha Patra, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Ms. Devina Sehgal, AOR
Mr. Yatharth Kansal, Adv.
Mr. Srikanth Varma Mudunuru, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the
following

O R D E R

Leave granted.

Criminal Appeal is allowed in terms of the signed order placed on the file.

Pending application(s), if any, stands consigned to records.

(NEHA GUPTA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(AVGV RAMU)
COURT MASTER (NSH)