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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3521]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 14th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8917/2026

Between:

1. KONDA SUDHA, W/O. NARASIMHA RAO, AGED ABOUT 33 YEARS. OCC FRUITS VENDOR, R/ O. PERIKEEDU VILLAGE, BAPULAPADU MANDAL, KRISHNA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.1

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep by itsPublic Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh At Amaravati, through the Station House Officer Hanuman Junction Police Station, Krishna District

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. KOLLURU GIRIDHAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:
ORDER:

Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.1 on bail in Crime No.175 of 2026 of Hanuman Junction Police Station, Krishna District, registered for the alleged

offences punishable under Sections 3(1), 4(1) and 5(1)(a) of the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.

2. Mr. G.V.S.Kishore Kumar, learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence. She has been falsely implicated by the police. The Petitioner is a law-abiding citizen. The Petitioner undertakes to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court while enlarging her on bail. Hence, it is urged to allow the Petition.

3. *Per contra*, Mr. A.Sai Rohith, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner, submitting that the investigation is still underway and several material witnesses remain to be examined. It is contended that if the Petitioner is released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that she may abscond, thereby hampering the ongoing investigation and evading the process of law and urged to dismiss the Petition.

4. Heard learned counsel for the Petitioner and learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

5. As seen from the record, the Petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.1 in this case. The prosecution alleges that the Petitioner, along with the other accused, was involved in activities relating to prostitution. The role of the Petitioner came to light based on the confession of a co-accused. The Petitioner was apprehended on 26.08.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 49 days. There are no similar adverse antecedents reported

against the Petitioner. The material portion of the investigation is completed, and so far, seven witnesses have been examined.

6. The Petitioner is a permanent resident of Bapulapadu Mandal, Krishna District. She has got fixed abode. If the Petitioner is enlarged on bail subject to stringent conditions, there is no likelihood of her absconding, threatening the witnesses, tampering with the evidence or hampering the further course of investigation.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.1, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

8. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

> i. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall be enlarged on bail subject to her executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned II Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Nuzvid.
> ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, on every Saturday in between 10:00 am and 05:00 pm, till filing of the charge sheet.
> iii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
> iv. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.

v. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case and shall make herself available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.

vi. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court.

vii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall surrender her passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer. If she claims that she does not have passport, she shall submit affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 14.10.2026
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