

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.14499 of 2024

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.291 of 2024 of Bhadrachalam Town Police Station, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, on bail, the present Criminal Petition is filed.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 19.10.2024, the Bhadrachalam Town Police seized the contraband as the accused persons are buying and selling the contraband illegally to the general public in order to earn money in an ease manner and also registered a case vide Crime No.291 of 2024 before the Bhadrachalam Town Police, Bhadradri Kothagudem District, for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B), 27(A) and 29 of NDPS Act.

3. Heard Sri B.Muralidhar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Syed Yasar Manoon, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the seized contraband is just Intermediate Quantity. He further

submitted that all the material witnesses were examined, and further detention of the petitioner is unnecessary. He also submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 19.10.2024, causing undue hardship to his family. The allegations are false and fabricated. The petitioner is resident of Ilkal Rural Mandal, Bagalkot District, Karnataka State, with movable and immovable properties, and is willing to furnish sureties as directed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the investigation is not yet completed, therefore, granting bail to the petitioner, at this stage, does not arise. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. After considering submissions from both the parties and reviewing the record, since the seized contraband is Intermediate Quantity and material part of investigation is completed, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only)

each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Judicial First Class Magistrate at Bhadrachalam.

- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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