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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3457]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY ,THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2942/2025

Between:

Rapeti Laxmi **...PETITIONER/ACCUSED**

AND

The State Of Andhra Pradesh **...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT**

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. K PRIDHVI RAJU

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE HARINATH.N

CRIMINAL PETITION No.2942 OF 2025

ORDER:

1. The petitioner is aggrieved by the order, dated 04.12.2024, passed in Crl.M.P.No.761 of 2024, by the Metropolitan Sessions Judge-cum-I Additional District & Sessions Judge-Special Judge for Trial of Offences under the NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam. In the said order, the learned Sessions Judge imposed a condition of furnishing a bank guarantee of Rs.1,00,000/-, along with other conditions, for the release of the Mahindra Alfa Diesel bearing registration number AP 31TP2691, towards interim custody.
2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is the owner of the vehicle, Mahindra Alfa Diesel bearing registration number AP 31TP2691, which was seized by the police in Crime No.66 of 2024 of Gopalapatnam Police Station for the alleged offence under the NDPS Act.
4. The learned counsel further submits that the learned Sessions Judge, while granting interim custody of the vehicle, has imposed certain conditions. These include executing a personal bond of Rs.1,00,000/- with one surety for the like sum to the satisfaction of

the learned Magistrate and furnishing a bank guarantee of Rs.1,00,000/- among other conditions. The learned counsel further contends that the condition of furnishing a bank guarantee and also furnishing one surety is onerous.

5. Having considered the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to modify the order of the learned Sessions Judge by setting aside the condition to furnish a bank guarantee of Rs.1,00,000/-, while the rest of the order remains unchanged.
6. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed off.
7. Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in this criminal petition shall stand closed.

JUSTICE HARIANTH.N

Dt.19.03.2025
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