

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9894 of 2025

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.683 of 2025 of L.B. Nagar Police Station, Rachakonda, on bail, the present criminal petition is filed.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 07.07.2025 at about 5:30 P.M., the complainant lodged a report with the police stating that earlier that day, at around 2:00 P.M., he received reliable information that two men would be arriving near Metro Rail Station, Savera Wines Galli, L.B Nagar, Ranga Reddy District, between 3:00 P.M and 3:30 P.M to sell ganja. He informed his superior officers, arranged for panch witnesses and alerted the Clues Team. The suspects were stopped and questioned. At first, they gave vague answers, but later admitted that they had bought 1200 grams of ganja for Rs.8,000 from one Jagadish of Kalimela, Odisha, two days earlier. A third person who was with them had left midway. Later, they seized the contraband from the petitioner. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case in Crime No.683 of 2025 of L.B. Nagar Police Station, Rachakonda, for the

offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act, 1985.

3. Heard Mr. Donapati Vignesh, 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 *firstly* submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case. *Secondly*, it was submitted that, according to the prosecution, only 435 grams of ganja was found in his possession, which is less than the small quantity as defined under law. It was further submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody for the past one month. Therefore, he prayed that the petitioner may be granted bail by allowing the present criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, stating that the investigation is still underway. Therefore, he prayed that the Court may dismiss the criminal petition.

6. After considering the submissions of both parties and the material available on record, it is noted that the contraband seized, according to the prosecution, is 1200 grams, which falls under the category of intermediary quantity. The petitioner has been in judicial custody since 07.07.2025, i.e., for the past one month. The remand case diary reveals that 13 witnesses have already been examined. In view of the above, it is clear that most of the investigation is completed, and the material part of the investigation is done by the investigating officer. Also, the amount of contraband seized is an intermediate quantity. In the said circumstances, this Court is of the considered view that it is a fit case for grant of bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner-accused No.1 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 II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-II Additional Magistrate of First Class, Rangareddy.

- ii. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned Station House Officer on every Monday at 11:00 A.M., for a period of eight (08) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 480(3) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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