

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.11036 OF 2025

ORAL ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.5 in Crime No.74 of 2025 before the Gopalapuram Police Station, Hyderabad, respectively.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 17.04.2025, based on credible information about individuals possessing ganja at Sri Laxmi Lodge, Regimental Bazar, Secunderabad, the Gopalapuram Police, along with mediators and a clues team, conducted a raid at Room No.104. They found two male and three female suspects in the room and, after initial evasive replies, the suspects admitted to transporting 58 kgs of ganja from Kakinada to Hyderabad for delivery to a person in Maharashtra. The police followed due procedures, including preparing a panchanama, and seized the contraband. A case was registered under Sections 8(c), 20(b)(ii)(C), 25, 27(a), and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

3. Heard Sri Chandrashekar Yadav, learned counsel for petitioner, and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was falsely implicated as accused based solely on the statements of co-accused and had no role in the alleged offence and that there is no involvement in the possession, purchase, or sale of ganja and asserted that they had not invested any amount towards it. He submitted that this Court has already granted the relief to accused Nos.4 and 6 *vide* order dated 25.08.2025 passed in CrI.P.Nos.10278 and 10277 of 2025 and asserted that the petitioner also lies on same footing. Therefore, 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 accused in this crime are drug peddlers. He further submitted that the investigation is in progress and if the petitioner is released on bail, at this stage, he may tamper with the evidence and may threaten the

witnesses. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss this criminal petition.

6. After considering submissions from both the parties and reviewing the record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 17.04.2025 and material part of investigation is completed. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case as well as the incarceration period of the petitioner, 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 learned Sessions Judge, Hyderabad District, at Nampally.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, 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, this Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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