

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**WEDNESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF DECEMBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 15558 OF 2025

Between:

Sai Kumar Goud Palamalkula alias P. Sai Kumar Goud, S/ o. Saya Goud, Age 32 Years, Occ Business, R/ o. H. No. 3-123, Kachapur Village, Bhiknoor Mandal, Kamareddy District.
...Petitioner/Accused-4

AND

The State of Telangana, through S.H.O., P.S. Gajwel, Siddipet District, represented by Public Prosecutor, High Court at Hyderabad

...Respondent

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS, praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to **Grant** anticipatory bail to the petitioner/ Accused No. 4 by directing the S.H.O., P.S. Gajwel, Siddipet District, or any arresting officer, to enlarge him on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with F.I.R. No. 395 of 2025, of P.S. Gajwel, Siddipet District.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Mr K VENUMADHAV, Advocate for the Petitioner and Mr D. ARUN KUMAR, the Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the sole Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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10th DAY OF DECEMBER 2025

Between:

Sai Kumar.

PETITIONER

The State of Telangana,
Rep by Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of
Telangana, at Hyderabad.

RESPONDENT

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner who is arrayed as accused No. 4 in FIR.No.395 of 2025 before the Gajwel Police Station, Siddipet District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 22(c) of NDPS Act.

2. The prosecution case states that on 26.09.2025, the Sub-Inspector of Police, Gajwel, received credible information that toddy mixed with Alprazolam was being sold at a toddy shop in Pallepahad, Gajwel Mandal. After securing mediators and a clues team, a raid was conducted, during which the accused Taduri Laxman Goud was found in

possession of 54.10 grams of Alprazolam along with several other adulterating substances, toddy bottles, and a mobile phone. Based on his confession, the police apprehended co-accused Srikanth Goud at Narsingi, who disclosed that he had procured Alprazolam from Methuku Narsimulu Goud of Islampur. Subsequently, Methuku Narsimulu was also apprehended, and 145.82 grams of Alprazolam, a weighing machine, a mobile phone, and a car allegedly used for transport were seized. All material objects were sealed, documented, and produced before the police station, after which Crime No. 395/2025 was registered under Sections 8(c), 29 r/w 22(c) of the NDPS Act and investigation was entrusted to Sri V. Raghupathi, SI of Police.

3. Heard Sri K.Venu Madhav, learned counsel for petitioner, and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and is no way connected to the possession of illegal substance. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, stating that the allegations against the petitioner are of a

serious nature, and lamented that if the petitioner is granted the relief of pre arrest bail, he may indulge in similar offences. Therefore, prayed this Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Having regard to rival submissions made, and on going through the material placed on record, it is noted that the limited grievance of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner was falsely implicated in the case and that petitioner is no way concerned with the alleged offence punishable under NDPS Act, as no contraband was seized from his possession, whereas, it is the specific stand of learned Additional Public Prosecutor that petitioner is actively involved with other accused in his illegal activities.

7. At this stage, it is pertinent to note that in cases arising under the NDPS Act, the Court is required to exercise great caution while considering a prayer for anticipatory bail, keeping in view the nature of allegations, gravity of the offence, and the necessity of custodial interrogation for a fair and effective investigation. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Dinesh Chander v. State of Haryana**¹, affirmed the view of High Court observing that where the investigation material disclose a *prima facie* link of the accused with the alleged offence, such as his involvement being reflected from statements of co-accused, electronic communication, or financial transactions, the grant of pre-

¹ SLP (Crl.) No. 9540 of 2025

arrest protection would seriously hamper the process of investigation. The settled position of law is that anticipatory bail is not to be granted as a matter of routine or on mere assertion of innocence, particularly when the investigation is at a nascent stage and the role of the petitioner requires thorough examination. In such circumstances, the Court may rightly decline to extend the discretionary relief of anticipatory bail.

8. In view thereof, this Criminal petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

Sd/- U. SUDHA

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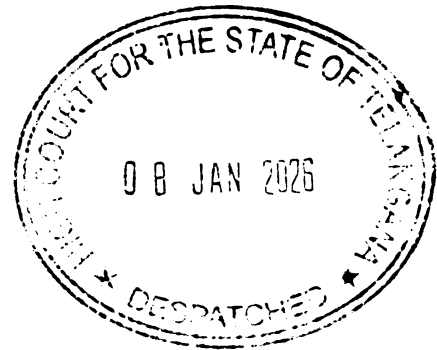
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 10/12/2025

ORDER

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Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is Dismissed

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