IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

WEDNESDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 16422 OF 2025

Between:

Kattaguru Ravi Teja, S/o. Kattaguru Saidulu, Aged. 21 years, occ. Student, N/o. H.No. 1-9-107, Bokkalagadda, Near Munneru Bridge, Khammam City and District.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.2

AND

The State of Telangana, Through SHO, Khanapuram Haveli PS,, Rep by Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, 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 enlarge the petitioner/Accused No 2 on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Cr.No 360 of 2025 on the file of Khanapuram Haveli Police Station, Khammam District and pass such other order/s as this Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri B.Muralidhar, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri D.Arun Kumar, Additional Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER:

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THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

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DATE: 17.12.2025

Between:

Kattaguru Ravi Teja

.... Petitioner /Accused No.2

AND

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Through SHO, Khanapuram Haveli PS,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent

O R D E R

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/proposed accused seeking to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.360 of 2025 of

Khanapur Haveli Police Station, Khammam District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(A) and 27(b) of NDPS Act.

2. Heard Sri B. Muralidhar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent, and that the alleged contraband seized, i.e., 210 grams of ganja, is a small quantity. He further submitted that all the alleged offences are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven years, and therefore, prayed the Court to allow the criminal petition.

4. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that all the other accused involved in this crime were served with notice under Section 35(3) Cr.P.C., but the present petitioner was absconding, and therefore no notice could be served upon him.

5. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material on record, it is observed that all the alleged offences against the petitioner are punishable with imprisonment of less than seven (07) years. Hence, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer on or before 31.12.2025 between 11:00 a.m. and 05:00 p.m. and in turn, the Investigating Officer is directed to follow the procedure laid down under Section 35(3) of BNSS (previously Section 41-A of Cr.P.C.) and also the guidelines formulated by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Arnesh Kumar v. State of Bihar***[1] scrupulously. However, the petitioner shall submit his defense and co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required by furnishing information and produce all relevant documents/material required for the purpose of the investigation and the Investigating Officer shall consider the same before filing appropriate report before the learned Magistrate concerned.

[1] (2014) 8 SCC 273

6. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is disposed of.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

SD/- L. VIJAYA LAXMI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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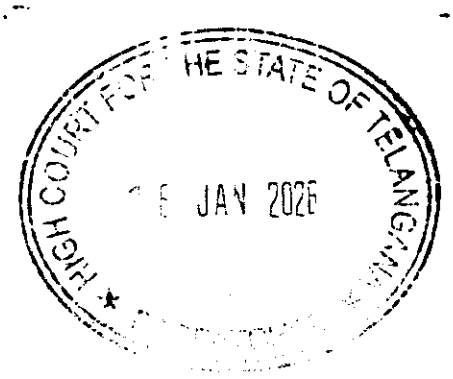
To,

1. The Sessions Judge for trial of cases under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act –cum- I Additional Sessions Judge, Khammam.
2. The Station House Officer, Khanapuram Haveli Police Station, Khammam District .
3. One CC to Sri. B.Muralidhar, Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana, Hyderabad [OUT]
5. Two CD Copies.

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HIGH COURT

DATED:17/12/2025



ORDER

CRLP.No.16422 of 2025

DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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