

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17046 of 2025

DATE: 24.12.2025

Between:

Puvvada Lakshmana

.... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through P.S. Excise Hayathnagar,
Ranga Reddy District,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in COR.No.53 of 2025 of Excise Hayathnagar Police Station, Ranga Reddy District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(c)(ii)(B) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 04.06.2025, the prohibition and Excise Sub-Inspector, received case papers from the ENFT, Ranga Reddy District, regarding the detection and seizure of contraband substances i.e., 17.91 kgs of Alprazolam allegedly found in the illegal possession of the accused persons. The property was seized under the cover of a panchanama, and the accused were produced before the Court for judicial remand.

3. Heard Sri SK. Fakruddin Ali, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is in jail since 04.06.2025 and more than 180 days have been completed and till today no charge sheet is filed and his family is suffering and he is innocent of the said allegations and the entire investigation with regard to the petitioner herein is already completed and 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 alleged offences are of the NDPS Act

and the seized contraband is 17.91 kgs of Alprazolam, which is a huge commercial quantity, therefore, the petitioner is not entitled for the bail and prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 04.06.2025 and though the seized contraband is 17.91 kgs of Alprazolam, as on today, the investigating authority has not filed any charge sheet, even after completion of mandatory period of six months. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and the seized quantity, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner/accused No.1, 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), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judicial First

Class Magistrate for Prohibition &
Excise Offences at Hayathnagar,
Ranga Reddy District.

- ii. The petitioner/accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) 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 conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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