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THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

Case No. : Bail Appln./3251/2026

SRI LANGKESWAR GOWALA ALIAS LERALA
SON OF LATE AKAMAN GOWALA RESIDENT OF VILLAGE BACHAGAON
POLICE STATION PANIGAON DISTRICT LAKHIMPUR ASSAM

VERSUS

THE STATE OF ASSAM
REPRESENTED BY THE PP, ASSAM

Advocate for the Petitioner : MR. K BORUAH, MS. M BHUYAN,MS. P BORAH,MR. M ALAM

Advocate for the Respondent : PP, ASSAM,

BEFORE
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANJAN MONI KALITA

ORDER

Date : 04.11.2026

Mr. K. Boruah, learned counsel for the accused applicants. Also heard Mr. K.K. Das, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State respondent.

2. This is an application under Section 483 of the BNSS, 2023 praying for grant of bail to the accused applicant namely, Sri Langkeswar Gowala @ Lerala in connection with Panigaon P.S. Case No. 57/2026 registered under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of the NDPS

Act, 1985.

3. The gist of the case is that on 29.09.2026, S.I. Sushil Chetry of Panigaon Police Station lodged an FIR before the Officer-in-Charge, Panigaon Police Station, alleging that on receipt of secret information at around 7:20 pm about possession of narcotic substances by the accused applicant, the police team went to the residence of the accused applicant and searched the house. Accordingly, on search, police recovered 2.830 kg of ganja from the almirah in the room of the accused applicant.

4. On receipt of the FIR, police registered Panigaon P.S. Case No. 57/2026 under the aforementioned Sections.

5. The learned counsel for the accused applicant submits that the quantity recovered was of little more than small quantity and the accused applicant is behind the bars for last 26 days. He also submits that the accused applicant is not involved in any kind of selling or smuggling of narcotic contraband i.e. ganja. He further submits that the accused applicant is a local person and he will cooperate with the investigation.

6. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the prayer for bail.

7. Case diary in the instant case has been received and the same is perused.

8. Taking into account the entire facts of the case and the fact that the quantity is recovered is little more than the small quantity, this Court is of the considered opinion that the accused applicant should be granted bail at this stage.

9. Accordingly, it is directed that the accused applicant named above shall be released on bail on furnishing bail bond of Rs.30,000/- with one surety of like nature to the satisfaction of learned Special Judge, Lakhimpur, North Lakhimpur subject to the following conditions:

i) the accused applicant shall cooperate with the investigation and make himself available as and when called for by the Investigating Officer;

ii) the accused applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer;

iii) the accused applicant shall not repeat any offence of like nature.

10. In terms of the above, the instant application is disposed of.

JUDGE

Comparing Assistant