APHC010452172026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3521]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

TUESDAY, THE 10th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7519/2026

Between:

PUPPALA SAI KUMAR, S/O V.V. SATYANARAYANA LATE, AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS,KAPU, R/O BILLAKURRU VILLAGE, KOTHAPETA MANDAL,DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, THROUGH STATION HOUSE OFFICER,AMALAPURAM TOWN POLICE STATION, DR. B.R. AMBEDKAR KONASEEMA DISTRICT.REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT OF A.P, AT AMARAVATHI

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

DUGGIRALA SUBASH

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail in Crime No.101 of 2026 of Amalapuram Town Police Station, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Mr.Duggirala Subhash, the learned Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence. He has been falsely implicated by the police. It is further submitted that the Petitioner is the sole earning member of the family and, therefore, his incarceration would cause undue hardship to his dependents. He is a law-abiding citizen. The Petitioner undertakes to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, it is urged to allow the Petition.

3. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Sai Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner, submitting that the investigation is still underway and several material witnesses remain to be examined. It is contended that if the Petitioner is released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that he may abscond, thereby hampering the

ongoing investigation and evading the process of law and urged to dismiss the Petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

5. On perusal of the record, this is the second bail application filed by the Petitioner. This Court dismissed the first bail application in Crl.P.No.5487 of 2026 on 17.07.2026. The Petitioner is the sole accused in the case. He was arrested on 10.05.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 184 days. No charge sheet has been filed even after the completion of 180 days of remand. The alleged contraband is 23.230 Kgs of ganja, which is just above the commercial quantity. There is one adverse antecedent reported against the Petitioner *vide* Cr.No.62 of 2021. The Petitioner was apprehended at the spot.

6. The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor submits that he needs to obtain information regarding the filing of an application seeking extension of the period of remand of the Petitioner. Be that as it may, such a request cannot be entertained after the expiry of the statutory period of 180 days of remand.

7. The petitioner is a permanent resident of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Konaseema District and has got fixed abode. If the petitioner is enlarged on bail subject to stringent conditions, there is no likelihood of his absconding, threatening the witnesses, tampering with the evidence or hampering the further course of investigation.

8. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioner, the period of incarceration undergone by him and the stage of investigation, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

9. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

i. The Petitioner/Accused shall be enlarged on bail subject to his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional Sessions Judge at Rajamahendravaram.

ii. The Petitioner/Accused shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, on every Saturday in between 10:00 am and 05:00 pm, till filing of the charge sheet.

iii. The Petitioner/Accused shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.

iv. The Petitioner/Accused shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence while on bail.

v. The Petitioner/Accused shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case

and shall make himself available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.

vi. The Petitioner/Accused 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/her from disclosing such facts to the Court.

vii. The Petitioner/Accused shall surrender his passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer. If he claims that he does not have passport, he shall submit affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 10.11.2026
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