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

WEDNESDAY, THE 28th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7671/2026

Between:

1. TALE KATESH RAP ALIAS KOTIBABU, S/O LATE BAJJAYA AGE 22 YEARS, R/O ANIBIRDA PAPARMETIA,CHITRAKONDA MANDAL, MALKANGIRI DISTRICT ODISHA STATE

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, through Station House officer,G.K Veedhi Police Station, VisakhapatnamRep. by Public Prosecutor,High Court at Amaravati.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. RAMINENI SUDHEER

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

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 No.3 on bail in Crime No.14 of 2026 of G.K

Veedhi Police Station, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C) read with 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Mr. Ramineni Sudheer, the learned counsel for the Petitioner, submits that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence and 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 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 Criminal 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. Hence, it is urged to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

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

5. As seen from the record, though the Petitioner has been in judicial custody for more than 180 days, the charge sheet has not yet been filed, nor has any application seeking extension of the period of judicial custody of the Petitioner beyond 180 days been filed. The Petitioner was apprehended on

14.04.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 203 days. Though the seized contraband is of commercial quantity, having regard to the Petitioner's incarceration beyond 180 days, he is enlarged on bail. No similar adverse antecedents have been reported against the Petitioner.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.3, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.3 on bail with some stringent conditions.

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

> i. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 shall be enlarged on bail subject to his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) with two sureties for the like sum each, to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Chinthapalli.
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> ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 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.
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> iii. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
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> iv. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
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> v. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 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.
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> vi. The Petitioner/Accused No.3 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 No.3 shall surrender his passport, if any, to the Investigating Officer. If he claims that he does not have passport, they shall submit affidavits to that effect before the Investigating Officer.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 28.10.2026
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