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

THURSDAY, THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NOS: 8368 AND 8869 OF 2026

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8368/2026

Between:

1. ANISAHMED RIYAZAHMED RANGREJ, S/O RIYAZAHMED, AGED 33 YEARS, R/OWEST MANGALWAR PETH, NEAR DARGHA, SOLAPUR NORTH, SOLAPUR DISTRICT,MAHARASHTRA STATE.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGHCOURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, HIGH COURT BUILDINGS AT NELAPADU, GUNTURDISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH. SHO PS, GANGAVARAM, POLAVARAM DISTRICT

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8869/2026

Between:

1. SUCHITRA JADHAV, W/O. DHYANESWAR, AGED 39 YEARS, R/O. GANESH NAGAR,BANDUPU, MUMBAI CITY, STATE OF MAHARASTRA.

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Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. V SAI KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

COMMON ORDER:

These two Criminal Petitions are heard together and are being disposed of by this common order, as they arise out of the same crime, though the Petitioners are different.

2. The Criminal Petition Nos.8368 & 8869 of 2026 have been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity, 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 on regular bail in Crime No.28 of 2026 of Gangavaram Police Station, Polavaram 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').

3. Heard the learned counsel for the Petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor.

4. Sri V. Sai Kumar, the learned Counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offences. They have been falsely implicated by the police. It is further submitted that the Petitioners are the sole earning members of their respective families and, therefore, their incarceration

would cause undue hardship to their dependents. The Petitioners undertake to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court while enlarging them on bail. Hence, it is urged to allow the Criminal Petitions.

5. *Per contra*, Mr.A.Sai Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioners, submitting that the investigation is still underway and several material witnesses remain to be examined. It is contended that if the Petitioners are released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that they may abscond, thereby hampering the ongoing investigation and evading the process of law and urged to dismiss the Criminal Petitions.

6. On perusal of the record, it is evident that the Petitioners were arrested on 16.04.2026 and have been in judicial custody for the past 210 days. The specific allegation against the Petitioner/Accused No.4 is that he acted as a pilot. Accused No.3 was arrested on the spot. There are no similar adverse antecedents reported against the Petitioners. Though a petition seeking extension of remand was filed, the same was dismissed. Accused Nos.1 and 5 have already been enlarged on bail.

7. The Petitioners are permanent residents of Mumbai City, State of Maharashtra, and have a fixed place of abode. If the Petitioners are enlarged on bail, subject to stringent conditions, there is no likelihood of their absconding, interfering with the investigation, threatening the witnesses, or tampering with the evidence.

8. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4, the period of judicial custody undergone by them, and the fact that they have been in custody for 210 days, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

9. In the result, the Criminal Petition Nos.8368 & 8869 of 2026 are allowed with the following stringent conditions:

> i. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 shall be enlarged on bail subject to their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) each with two sureties each for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Sessions Judge for Trial of the Cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985-Cum-I Additional Sessions Judge, East Godavari District, Rajamahendravaram.
> ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 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 Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 shall not leave the limits of the Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.
> iv. Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
> v. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 shall cooperate with the Investigating Officer in further investigation of the case and shall make themselves available for interrogation by the Investigating Officer as and when required.
> vi. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 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 Petitioners/Accused Nos.3 and 4 shall surrender their passports, if any, to the Investigating

Officer. If they claim that they do not have passports, they shall submit affidavits to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 12.11.2026
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