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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026

PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE Dr. JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8690 OF 2026

Between:

1. Pangi Rambabu, S/o. Krishna, aged about 29 years, R/o. Devarapalli Village, Kokkirapalli Post, G. Madugula Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju District.
2. Pangi Anjibabu, S/o. Krishna, aged about 37 years, R/o. Devarapalli Village, Kokkirapalli Post, G. Madugula Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju District.

...Petitioners/Accused Nos.1, 2

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati.

...Respondent

Petition under Section 437 & 439 of Cr.P.C/ 480 & 483 of BNSS., is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused No.1, 2 on bail pending disposal of Crime No.361/2021 of Parawada P.S., Anakapalli District;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO, Counsel for the Petitioners and of PUBLIC PROSECUTOR for the Respondent;

The Court made the following ORDER:

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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 Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 on bail in Crime No.361 of 2021 of Parawada Police Station, Visakhapatnam City, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(C) read with 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Mr.G.Maheswara Rao, the learned Counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offence. They have been falsely implicated by the police. It is further submitted that the Petitioners are the sole earning members of the family and, therefore, their incarceration would cause undue hardship to their dependents. They are law-abiding citizens. The Petitioners undertake 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 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 Petition.

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

5. On perusal of the record, the Petitioners/Accused Nos. 1 and 2 were apprehended on 31.03.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 190 days. The police found that in an abandoned auto, 112.00 kgs of Ganja was kept. However, the charge sheet has not yet been filed, even after the expiry of the statutory period of 180 days. The prosecution has not filed any application seeking extension of the period of remand of the petitioners.

6. The petitioners are the permanent resident of Alluri Sitharama Raju District and have got fixed abode. If the petitioners are 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.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the petitioners, the period of incarceration undergone by them and the stage of investigation, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

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

i. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 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 XI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Anakapalli.

ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 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.1 and 2 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.

iv. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence while on bail.

v. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 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.1 and 2 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.1 and 2 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.

SD/- U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The XI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Anakapalli.
2. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam District.
3. The Station House Officer, Parawada P.S., Anakapalli District.
4. One CC to Sri. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to the PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

Dr.YLR, J

DATED:07/10/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED