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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI

FRIDAY, THE 9th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8746 OF 2026

Between:

Megada Veera Vikrama Reddy, S/o. M. Jaya Rama Reddy, Age 29 years, R/o. Dhanalakshmi Nagar, Gandhipuram Panchayathi, Tirupati Rural Mandal.

...Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, rep by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh At Amaravati.

...Respondent

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to release the Petitioners/Accused No. 1 on bail pending investigation, inquiry and trial in Cr. No. 306/2026 of Tirupati Rural UPS, Tirupati District.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the memorandum of grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI D PURNACHANDRA REDDY Counsel for the Petitioner, an of PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, for the Respondent, the Court made the following

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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 No.1 on bail in Crime No.306 of 2026 of Tirupati Rural Police Station, Tirupati District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) read with 8(c) read with of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Sri D.Purna Chandra Reddy, 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, the Petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.1. There are no adverse antecedents reported against the petitioner. The petitioner was apprehended on 23.08.2026. He has been in judicial custody for the past 47 days. He was allegedly found in possession of and transporting of 6.630 Kgs. of ganja. The seized contraband is not a commercial quantity.

6. The petitioner is a permanent resident of Tirupati 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. No application seeking custodial interrogation of the petitioner has been filed.

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

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

i. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 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 III Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Tirupati.

ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 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 No.1 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the Station House Officer concerned.

iv. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence while on bail.

v. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 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 No.1 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.1 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.

SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The III Additional Judicial Magistrate of I Class, Tirupati.
2. The Superintendent, District Jail, Chittoor.
3. The Station House Officer, Tirupati Rural UPS, Tirupati District
4. One CC to SRI. D PURNACHANDRA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR.YLR,J

DATED:09/10/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

