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

MONDAY, THE 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9335/2026

Between:

1. TAKU NARSIMMA SINGH, S/O TAKU NANAK SINGH, AGED ABOUT 29 YEARS,R/O GANESH TEMPLE, CONTONMENT,VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.1

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor High Court of Andhra Pradesh, at Amaravati.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. SIVAPRASAD REDDY VENATI

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.1 on bail in NDPS SC.No.73 of 2026 on the file of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge-cum-Special Court under the NDPS Act, 1985, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District in

connection with Crime No.354 of 2025 of Gandepalli Police Station, Kakinada 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. Sivaprasad Reddy Venati, 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 Criminal Petition.

3. *Per contra*, Mr. A.Sai Rohith, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the grant of bail to the Petitioner and submitted that, though the Charge Sheet has already been filed, the accusations against the Petitioner are well founded. Hence, it is urged to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

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

5. As seen from the record, the Petitioner is arraigned as Accused No.1 in this case. There are no similar adverse antecedents reported against the Petitioner. However, four cases under the provisions of 'the I.P.C.' for the alleged offences of theft have been registered against the Petitioner. The Petitioner was arrested on the spot and has been in judicial custody for the

past 354 days pursuant to his arrest on 06.11.2025. This is the second regular bail application filed by the Petitioner. So far, 15 witnesses have been examined. This Court, in Crl.P.No.7551 of 2026, *vide* order dated 09.09.2026, granted regular bail to Accused No.2 in this crime, subject to certain stringent conditions. The Charge Sheet has been filed and the case has been numbered as S.C. NDPS No.73 of 2026 on the file of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Rajamahendravaram. The Petitioner is a permanent resident of Vizianagaram District. He has got fixed abode. If the Petitioner is enlarged on bail, he would cooperate with the learned Trial Court for the expeditious disposal of the case.

6. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.1, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

7. 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.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial First Class Magistrate, Peddapuram, East Godavari District.

ii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall appear before the learned Trial Court on each and every adjournment without fail.

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

iv. 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.

v. 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 an affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

vi. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall furnish his permanent and temporary address details to the Investigating Officer/Station House Officer concerned.

vii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not leave the jurisdiction of the learned Trial Court without obtaining the express permission of the learned Trial Court.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 26.10.2026
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