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

MONDAY, THE 2nd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9479/2026

Between:

1. RAYAPUDI DEEPAK ALIAS BANNU, S/O. DURGA RAO, AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS,R/O. NEAR KAPULA RAMALAYAM,VUYYURU, KRISHNA DISTRICT,ANDHRA PRADESH.
2. RATNAM SAI SANDEEP, S/O. RAVI KUMAR, AGED ABOUT 20 YEARS,R/O. KUNAPAREDDY NAGAR, VUYYURU KRISHNA DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED Nos.2 & 5

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, SHO, Vuyyuru Town Police Station Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,High Court of Andhra Pradesh,Amaravati.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. BHOOMA MAHARSHI REDDY

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 Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5 on bail in Crime No.218 of 2026 of Vuyyuru Town Police Station, Krishna District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Mr. Bhooma Maharshi Reddy, the learned counsel for the Petitioners, submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offence and 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 Criminal 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. 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, the Petitioners are arrayed as Accused Nos.2 and 5. The Petitioners are of an impressionable age, being 20 and 24 years old, respectively. No similar adverse antecedents have been reported against the Petitioners. The allegation against the Petitioners is that they were selling 4 kg of ganja. The seized contraband is not a commercial quantity. The Petitioners were arrested on the spot on 15.09.2026 and have been in judicial custody for the past 48 days. The inventory has been completed, but, the Charge Sheet has not yet been filed. So far, twelve witnesses have been examined, and substantial portion of the investigation has been completed. No application has been filed seeking custodial interrogation of the Petitioners.

6. The Petitioners are permanent residents of Krishna District. They have got fixed abode. If the Petitioners are enlarged on bail subject to stringent conditions, there is no likelihood of their interfering with the investigation, threatening witnesses, or tampering with evidence.

7. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of allegations levelled against the Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5 on bail with some stringent conditions.

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

i. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5 shall be enlarged on bail subject to their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned X Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Vuyyuru, Krishna District.

ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5 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.2 & 5 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.2 & 5 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.

v. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 5 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.2 & 5 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.2 & 5 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 before the Investigating Officer.

DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 02.11.2026
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