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

WEDNESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9905/2026

Between:

1. MEKALA PRAKASH, S/O. RAMAIAH, AGED ABOUT 47 YEARS, R/O. OBULANAYANAPALLI VILLAGE, MALLAKALUVA MANDAL,SATYA SAI DISTRICT, AP-515672.
2. DHANIYALA ANJAMMA, W/O. RAMANA,AGED ABOUT 46 YEARS, R/O. RAMARAO COLONY, GOWTHAMI NAGAR, MADANAPALLI VILLAGE AND MANDAL,CHITTOOR DISTRICT NOW ANNAMAYYA DISTRICT, AP-517325
3. MEKALA SYAMALA, W/O. RAMESH,AGED ABOUT 23 YEARS, R/O. D.NO. 3-344, SANTHI NAGAR, DHARMAVARAM POST, SRI SATYA SAI DISTRICT, AP -515671.

...PETITIONERS/ACCUSED Nos.1, 3 & 4

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT BUILDINGS, AMARAVATHI.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. YANAGUNURU SHASHANK

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 Nos.1, 3 & 4 on bail in SC.NDPS.No.123 of 2026 on the file of the I Additional District and sessions Judge, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada District (now East Godavari District) in connection with Cr.No.36 of 2026 of Jaggampeta Police Station, Kakinada District 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. Srinivas Jarugu, the learned counsel for the Petitioners, submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offence and 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 continued 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 and submitted that, though the Charge Sheet has already been filed, the accusations against the

Petitioners are well founded. Hence, he urged this Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

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

5. On perusal of the record, this is the third bail application filed by the Petitioners. While dismissing the second bail application in Crl.P. No.6392 of 2026 by order dated 19.08.2026, it was observed that the charge sheet had already been filed. Though no adverse antecedents have been reported against the Petitioners, it is alleged that they were apprehended at the spot while being in possession of and transporting 162.075 kgs of ganja. The quantity involved is not only a commercial quantity but also a colossal quantity. The accusations against the Petitioners appear to be *prima facie* well-founded. Further, no change in circumstances has been shown from the date of dismissal of the second bail application till the filing of the present bail application.

6. Having regard to the entire facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of the allegations levelled against the Petitioners/Accused Nos.1, 3 & 4, and in view of the fact that there is no change in the circumstances from the date of dismissal of the second bail application till the filing of the present bail application, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the Petitioners on bail at this juncture. Hence, this Court finds no merit in the Criminal Petition. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is liable to be dismissed.

7. In the result, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

As a sequel, Miscellaneous petitions, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

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