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

FRIDAY, THE 20th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

**PRESENT**

**THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO**

**CRIMINAL PETITION NOs: 10014 and 10022 of 2026**

**1.CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10014/2026**

**Between:**

KALLA SHIVA JAMEEL, S/O. LATE SATYANARAYANA, A/37 YRS, R/O SANTA PAIDIPALAVILLAGE PANCHAYAT, ROWTHULAPUDI M, KAKINADA DIST,.

**...PETITIONER/ACCUSED**

**AND**

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLIC PROSECUTORHIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI.

**...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT**

**Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:**

SRINIVAS JARUGU

**Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:**

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

**2.CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 10022/2026**

**Between:**

BALLADI ASHOK, S/O LATE ADINARAYANA, A/37 YRS, DRIVER,R/O SANTA PAIDIPALA VILLAGE AND PANCHAYAT,ROWTHULAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT.

**...PETITIONER/ACCUSED**

**AND**

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, , REPRESENTED BY ITS PUBLIC

PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH, AMARAVATI.

**...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT**

**Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:**

SRINIVAS JARUGU

**Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:**

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

**The Court made the following:**

**COMMON ORDER:**

These two Criminal Petitions are heard and disposed of by way of this common order, as they arise out of the same crime, though the petitioners are different.

2. These two Criminal Petitions have 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 connection with Crime No.26 of 2026 of Koyyuru Police Station, ASR District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 read with 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

3. Mr.Jarugu Srinivas, the learned Counsel for the Petitioners submits that the Petitioners are innocent of the alleged offence. They have been falsely implicated by the police. They are law-abiding citizens. They have not committed any offence. They are the sole earning members of the family. The

petitioners undertake to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, the learned counsel prays to allow the petitions.

4. *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 prayed that the Criminal Petitions be dismissed.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the record.

6. On perusal of the record, the petitioners are arraigned as Accused Nos.1 and 2. The charge sheet was filed on the 195$^{th}$ day from the date of arrest of the petitioner/Accused No.1, who was arrested on 14.04.2026 and has been in judicial custody for the past 220 days. Accused No.2 was arrested on 01.06.2026 pursuant to the execution of a P.T. Warrant. The allegation against Accused No.1 is that he provided information regarding the availability of ganja in Andhra Pradesh. As per the version of the prosecution, the main offenders are Accused Nos.4 and 5, who were cultivating ganja in Odisha. There are two adverse antecedents reported against the petitioner/Accused No.1, whereas six adverse antecedents are reported against the petitioner/Accused No.2. The petitioners are permanent residents of Kakinada District and have fixed places of abode. This Court, *vide* order dated 09.10.2026 in Crl.P.No.7680 of 2026, enlarged Accused Nos.4 and 5 on bail

subject to certain stringent conditions. The present petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 also stand on the same footing.

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

8. In the result, these two Criminal Petitions are 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.3,00,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs only) each with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Visakhapatnam.

ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 shall appear before the learned Trial Court on each and every adjournment without fail.

iii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 2 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the learned Trial Court 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 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.

vi. 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.

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**DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J**

Date: 20.11.2026
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