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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

CRL MP No. 21844 of 2026
in CRL A No. 1411 of 2026

1. Guthula Raju

2. Balla Ramji

3. Chinthala Satyanarayana

4. Unakadi Nookaraju

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Inspector of Police
Yanam Police Station,
Puducherry.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Criminal Miscellaneous Petition filed under Section 430(1) of BNSS, to suspend the sentence imposed upon the petitioners in Spl.S.C.No.53 of 2022 in Cr.No.110 of 2021 by the Special Judge under NDPS Act, III Additional Sessions Judge at Puducherry by its Judgment dated 15.09.2026 and enlarge the petitioners on bail pending disposal of the Criminal Appeal.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Angamuthu
For Respondent(s): Mr. A. Alexander,
Government Advocate
for Puducherry

ORDER

The Criminal Appeal challenges the Judgment passed in Spl.S.C.No.53 of 2022 by the learned Special Judge under NDPS Act, III Additional Sessions

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Judge at Puducherry, holding the petitioners guilty of the offences under Sections 20(b) r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act r/w 34 IPC and sentencing them as below;

Accused rank	Convicted under Section	Sentence imposed
A1 to A4	20(b) r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act r/w 34 IPC	To undergo 2 years RI and to pay a fine of Rs.10,000/- (id) to undergo, 3 months SI

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found in possession of 5 Kgs of ganja.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that a fixed sentence of imprisonment has been imposed on the petitioners; that the petitioners have raised substantial grounds in the appeal; and that the sentence imposed on the petitioners may be suspended pending disposal of the appeal.

4. Heard the learned Additional Public Prosecutor and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the fact that the petitioners/appellants have raised substantial grounds in the appeal and the appeal is not likely to be taken up in the near future, this Court is inclined to grant the relief of suspension of sentence to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, this criminal miscellaneous petition stands allowed, and the sentence imposed on the petitioners is suspended till the disposal of the above criminal appeal, on the following conditions:

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(a).The petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only), with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned III Additional Sessions Judge, Special Judge under NDPS Act, Puducherry;

(b).The petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Trial Court may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book and mobile numbers to ensure their identity;

(c).The petitioners shall appear before the respondent police once in fifteen days and before the Trial Court on the first working day of every month at 10.30 a.m. until the disposal of the appeal and if they are not able to appear before the Trial Court on any day, they shall make arrangements to file an application under Section 317 Cr.P.C. and shall appear before the Trial Court on any other day in lieu of the date of their absence, as directed by the Trial Court.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police
Yanam Police Station,
Puducherry.

2.The III Additional Sessions Judge,
Special Judge under NDPS Act, Puducherry.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Kalapattu, Puducherry.

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4.The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court.

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