

**THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

**TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

**:PRESENT:
THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA**

**IA No. 1 OF 2026
IN
CRLA NO: 127 OF 2026**

Between:

Kethavath Praveen Kumar, S/o Harinayak.

... Appellant /Accused No. 4
(Appellant in CRLA 127 OF 2026
on the file of High Court)

AND

The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of
Telangana At Hyderabad

...Respondent/Complainant
(Respondent in-do-)

Counsel for the Petitioner : Sri J P SRIKANTH

Counsel for the Respondent : Additional PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

Petition under Section 430 (1) of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner on bail by suspending the order passed in SC.NDPS No.24 of 2022, dt.29/12/2025 on the file of Special Sessions Judge for Trial of cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 - Cum - I Additional Sessions Judge at Khammam, pending disposal of CRLA No. 127 of 2026, on the file of the High Court.

The Court made the following

ORDER

This Interlocutory Application is filed with a prayer to enlarge the petitioner on bail by suspending the sentence imposed against the petitioner dated 29.12.2025 passed in S.C.NDPS No.24 of 2022 by the learned Special Sessions Judge for Trial of Cases under the Narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985-cum-I Additional Sessions Judge, Khammam. The petitioner was convicted under Section 235(2) Cr.P.C. for the offence punishable under Section 8(c) read with Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the NDPS Act and was sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for twenty years and to pay a fine of Rs.2,00,000/-, and in default of payment of fine, to undergo rigorous imprisonment for six months.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that he is having good grounds to succeed in the appeal and the final hearing of the appeal may be taken considerable time. Therefore, he prayed the Court to allow this petition.

On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent, opposed the bail petition, contending that there is no illegality in the order of the trial Court and that the trial Court has rightly passed the impugned order. Therefore, while advocating that there is ample evidence on record against the petitioner, he prayed the Court to dismiss the petition.

Perused the contents of the affidavit filed in support of the petition.

In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, though the

counsel for the petitioner contended that there were clear violations of Section 42 of the NDPS Act, the judgment of the trial Court shows that samples were collected and marked as M.O.3 from the contraband. Further, there are clear allegations against the petitioner at this stage. Therefore, considering the gravity of the allegations, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, and the petition is liable to be dismissed.

Accordingly, this Interlocutory Application is dismissed.

Sd/- M.NAGAMANI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The Special Sessions Judge for Trial of cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 - Cum - I Additional Sessions Judge at Khammam.
2. The Superintendent, District Jail, Khammam.
3. One CC to SRI. J P SRIKANTH Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
5. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

SKS, J

DATED:10/03/2026

ORDER

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I.A.DISMISSED

