

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1437 of 2026

DATE: 10.02.2026

Between:

Prathikantam Bharath. Petitioner/A-1

AND

The State of Telangana
Rep.by its Public Prosecutor
High Court for the State of
Telangana, through SHO
PS Excise, Uppal. Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused No.1 seeking to enlarge him on bail in connection with C.O.R. No.80 of 2025, for the offence under Section 8 (C) read with 20 (b)(ii)(A) & 22 (C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 02.08.2025 at 9:44 P.M., AC Enforcement, Ranga Reddy along with staff and panchas, conducted a raid at Genius School, Kothapet, Medchal District, after obtaining permission from the Assistant Prohibition and Excise Superintendent. The two persons on a Honda CB Shine bearing No.TS 08 EU 1956 were stopped. On search of their bike and bag, the officers found two digital weighing machines, 513

grams of dry ganja, and 13.65 grams of MDMA. The accused confessed that they had procured ganja from Dhoolpet and MDMA from Rishab Agarwal @ Sunny for resale at higher price. Both A1 and A2 were arrested, contraband, bike, and two mobile phones were seized under the cover of panchanama. Hence, complaint was registered against the accused for the above offence.

3. Heard Sri Syed Jaweed Abbas Nadeem, learned counsel for the petitioner/A.1 and Sri M.Ramachandara Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the offence alleged against him; that he is in judicial custody since 02.08.2025 i.e., for more than 180 days, as such the petitioner is entitled for default bail; that he has been falsely implicated in this case; that except filing of charge sheet entire investigation is completed. He further submits that accused No.2 is already released on bail on 29.01.2026 vide CrI.P.No.249 of 2026 and hence, he prays this Court to grant bail to the petitioner-accused No.1.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and would submit that the petitioner herein is a drug peddler and the contraband seized is a huge commercial quantity. However, he submits that charge sheet is not yet filed.

6. Having regard to the submissions made and the material placed on record, it is seen that the petitioner is in jail for more than 180 days and till today charge sheet is not filed. Considering the period of incarceration of petitioner in jail and the facts and circumstances, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner/A.1 subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioners-accused No.1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of learned II Additional Junior Civil Judge-cum-VI Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, at L.B.Nagar.
- (ii) On such release, the petitioner-accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- (iii) The petitioner-accused No.1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C., Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 10.02.2026

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