

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1454 of 2026

DATE: 10.02.2026

Between:

Shaik Saleem and another Petitioners/A-1 and 3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through Public Prosecutor
High Court for the State of
Telangana, through P.S.
Attapur, Cyberabad. Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 3 seeking to enlarge them on bail in connection with Crime No.1041 of 2025, for the offence under Section 20 (b)(ii)(B), 8 (c) read with 27 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 03.12.2025 on reliable information, the complainant conducted an inspection and found that petitioners along with other accused were in possession of 1.180 grams of dry ganja and seized the said contraband under the cover of panchanama. Basing on the complaint, a criminal case was registered against the accused for the aforesaid offences.

3. Heard Sri Khaja Arajuddin, learned counsel for the petitioners/A.1 and 3 and Sri M.Ramachandara Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners/accused Nos.1 and 3 would submit that the petitioners are innocent of the offences alleged against them; that the seized contraband i.e., 1.180 grams of ganja constitutes an intermediate quantity; that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 04.12.2025; since material witnesses have already been examined, further detention of the petitioners is unwarranted and hence, he prays this Court to grant regular bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and would submit that though the seized contraband falls under the category of intermediate quantity, the investigation is still going on and it is not yet completed. Therefore, granting bail to the petitioners at this stage does not arise. However, he submits that no criminal antecedents are pending against petitioners.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel on either side and on perusal of the entire material on record, it is observed that the seized contraband i.e., 1.180 grams of dry ganja falls under the category of intermediate quantity and the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 04.12.2025 and that

substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed. In view of these circumstances, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 3 shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) each with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of learned XXV Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Cyberabad at Rajendranagar.
- (ii) On such release, the petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 3 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday 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 petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 3 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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