

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.1817 of 2026

DATE: 19.02.2026

Between:

Athram Badi Rao

.... Petitioner/accused No.7

AND

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

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.7 in FIR No.3 of 2026 of Indervelli Police Station, Adilabad District, registered for the offences punishable

under Sections 8(c) r/w 22(b)(ii)(B) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 07.01.2025, the de-facto complainant, on credible information, had conducted raid and found accused Nos.1 to 6 in possession of 5.231 kgs of dry ganja and he immediately reported the same to the police and the police seized the contraband and a case was registered against them for the above said offences. Basing on the confession statement of accused Nos.1 to 6, the petitioner herein is arrayed as accused No.7.

3. Heard Sri B. Manav Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and there is no seizure of contraband from the petitioner herein and he is in jail since 05.02.2026 and the seized contraband is 5.231 kgs of dry ganja, which is an intermediate

quantity and the material part of the investigation was already completed and there are no other cases pending against the petitioner. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the alleged offences are of the NDPS Act, as such, he is not entitled for the bail. However, he informed that there are no other cases pending against the petitioner and the investigation is not yet completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner herein is in jail from 05.02.2026 and the seized contraband is 5.231 kgs of dry ganja, which is an intermediate quantity. Further, there are no other cases pending against the petitioner. Considering the facts and

circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and the seized contraband, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner 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 the learned Judicial Magistrate of First Class, at Utnoor.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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