

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3731 of 2026

DATE: 08.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Siram Ananth Kumar

.....petitioner/accused No.1

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.1945 of 2025 of Narsinghi Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8c r/w

22(c) r/w 27A r/w 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The facts of the case are that on 08.10.2025 the complainant on credible information that one Veerababu was coming from Mumbai to deliver Cocaine to Ananth Kumar near United Avenues Apartments, Manchirevula, Ranga Reddy, he along with his staff proceeded to the spot and at about 15.25 hours, they apprehended two suspects one carrying a black and ash backpack. Ananth Kumar confessed that he had been addicted to cocaine since 2017 and had been purchasing it from the petitioner herein for resale in Hyderabad. He admitted to paying Rs.3.8 lakhs on 05.10.2025 for 107.4 grams of cocaine, which was delivered by Veerababu from Mumbai. During enquiry, Ananth Kumar produced a transparent cover containing seven packets and a plastic box, all suspected to contain cocaine. The Clues team tested the substances, confirmed them as cocaine, weighing 107.4 grams, and seized them. Veerababu also confirmed the same details and added that he had made approximately 30 trips since January 2024 to collect and deliver cocaine to Ananth Kumar. Both the Ananth Kumar and Veerababu were arrested

and case was registered against the accused for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri S. Chakrapani, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the prosecution had fabricated the timing and place of arrest, and that objective evidence showed illegal detention, which vitiated the alleged recovery of 107.4 grams of cocaine and that crucial grounds were not considered in the earlier bail applications, including the absence of an FSL report and serious non-compliance with Sections 42, 50, 52A, 53 and 57 of the NDPS Act and Standing Order 1/1989. He further submitted that any confessional statements were inadmissible in view of **Tofan Singh v. State of Tamil Nadu** and that parity was denied despite a co-accused having been granted bail. 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 bail contending that the petitioner herein is actively

involved in this crime. The financial transactions took place between the petitioner and other accused through bank account of third parties and through coded communication of several Whatsapp chats. Hence, it cannot be said that petitioner has no connection with the other accused and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 08.10.2025. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 13 witnesses have been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the incarceration period of the petitioner, this Court deems it fit 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) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the XIII Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Cyberabad, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad.

- ii. The petitioner 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 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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