

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4162 of 2026

DATE: 15.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Ediga Gopal Goud

.....petitioner/accused No.4

And

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

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.4 in Crime No.153 of 2025 of Addakal Police

Station, Mahabubnagar District. The offences alleged against the petitioner are punishable under Sections 8 (c) r/w. 22 (c) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The facts of the case are that on 31.10.2025 at about 13:30 hours, the Sub-Inspector of Police, P.S. Addakal, received credible information that five persons aged between 45 to 65 years would arrive near Telusa Family Restaurant, Addakal Toll Plaza, Mahabubnagar, between 15:00 to 16:00 hours in two cars bearing Nos.KA 53 MA 6329 and TS 07 EP 0343 for the purpose of selling/handing over contraband psychotropic substance Alprazolam. Believing the information to be true, he reduced it into writing, informed his superior officer, made the required GD entry, and complied with the provisions and after due formalities, they proceeded to the said location. On identification of the suspected vehicles by the staff in mufti, the police intercepted both vehicles at about 15:30 hours and found four persons in the Volkswagen car and one person in the Alto car. On enquiry, the accused revealed their identity and police found 2 kgs of Alprazolam in

their possession and the same was seized. Hence a case was registered against the accused for the above offences.

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

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and he has been falsely implicated in this case and even as per the complaint no case is made out against the petitioner. He further contended that petitioner is not present at the scene of offence and was not in possession of contraband. Petitioner is in jail from 01.11.2025 and further contended that the trial Court already granted bail to A.2 and A.3. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail stating that the petitioner along with other accused is actively involved in supply of Alprazolam and that the seized contraband is a huge commercial quantity and investigation is not yet completed. Hence, in view of rigor of

Section 37 of NDPS Act, petitioner is not entitled for bail 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 01.11.2025. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 8 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 I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Mahabubnagar.
- 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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