

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4317 of 2026

DATE: 08.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Shaik Shoeb @ Chetan @ Shoeb

.....petitioner/accused No.1

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 Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/accused No.1 seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.285 of 2026 of Attapur

Police Station, Hyderabad. The offence alleged against the petitioner are under Section 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 11.03.2026, on reliable information, the complainant conducted an inspection and found accused Nos.1 and 2 in possession of 1.743 kilograms of ganja and seized the said contraband. Basing on the same, a criminal case was registered against the accused for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri Mohammed Ghouse Pasha, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and has been in judicial custody since 11.03.2026 and that the seized contraband i.e., 1.743 kilograms of ganja, constitutes an intermediate quantity. 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, contending that although the seized contraband falls under the category of intermediate quantity, the investigation is still ongoing and has not yet been completed. Therefore, granting bail to the petitioner, at this stage, does not arise. However, he informed the Court that the petitioner is involved in another case as consumer. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal 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 11.03.2026. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 10 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 XXV Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Cyberabad at Rajendra Nagar.

- 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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