

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4389 of 2026

DATE: 01.04.2026

Between:

Jadhav Maruthi.

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

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

... Respondent

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This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/Accused seeking to enlarge him on bail in connection with Crime No.105 of 2026 of Ichod Police Station, Adilabad District, registered for the offence punishable under Section 8 (b), 8(c) read with 20 (a)(i)(B) of the Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 07.03.2026 the *de facto* complainant received credible information about cultivation of illegal ganja (Cannabis) in the house premises of

the petitioner. On the same date, the complainant along with panch witnesses visited the house of the petitioner situated at Jamidi Village. On inspection, the Agriculture Officer identified about (01) ganja plant cultivated in the said premises. The police conducted seizure proceedings in the presence of panch witnesses and seized ganja plant and sealed in a cover and thereafter registered the present case against the petitioner for the aforesaid offence.

3. Heard Sri B.Manav Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner/accused and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner/accused is that the petitioner is innocent of the offence alleged against him and he has been falsely implicated in the present case; that there is no clear evidence that the petitioner has been cultivating the said Ganja plant to constitute the said offence; that the petitioner was remanded to judicial custody from 07.03.2026 and since then he is in jail and hence, he requested the Court to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same on the ground that the offence alleged against the petitioner is punishable under NDPS Act which is grievous offence, as such the petitioner is not entitled for bail. However, he informed the Court that there are no other cases pending against the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for both parties and perusal of the material on record, the petitioner has been in judicial custody from 07.03.2026 and that the seized contraband is only 1 ganja plant and no previous cases are pending against him. Considering the period of incarceration of the petitioner in jail i.e., from 07.03.2026, this Court deems it fit to grant regular bail to the petitioner/accused subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The petitioner-accused shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Boath.
- (ii) On such release, the petitioner-accused shall appear before the concerned SHO between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.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-Accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437 (3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480 (3) of BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 01.04.2026

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