

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

**FRIDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 5380 OF 2026

Between:

Girmagouni Srivani, W/o Giramagouni Sudheer, Aged about. 38 Yrs, Occ. Housewife, R/o. Plot No.53, Tanmai Homes, Muthangi Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District.

...Petitioner/Owner of the Property

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana through PS Gummadidala.
2. The Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Ranga Reddy.

...Respondents

Petition under Section 503 (2) r/w 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to pass appropriate orders directing the respondents to release the petitioner Ford Skoda Volkswagen VW Virtue GT Plus 1.5 L Carbon Steel Gray Metallic Color vide bearing No. TS 15FP 3882 is in the custody of the police Gummadidala on furnishing petitioner indemnity bond/solvency certificate.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri A. Venkata Narayana Reddy, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondents.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5380 of 2026

Date: 10.04.2026

Between:

Girmagouni Srivani

...Petitioner/accused No.4

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
through PS Gummadidala and another.

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed aggrieved by the dismissal order passed by the I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy in Crl.M.P.No.252 of 2026 in NDPS.SC.No.160 of 2025 (Crime No.231 of 2024 of P.S. Gummadidala) seeking interim custody of the petitioner's vehicle namely Volks Wagon car bearing registration No.TS-15-FP-3882.

2. Heard Mr. A. Venkata Narayana Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner/accused No.4 is the owner of the Volks Wagon car bearing registration No.TS-15-FP-3882 and the said vehicle was seized by the Station House Officer, Gummadidala, in respect of Crime No.231 of 2024 which was registered for the offence under Section 8(c) read with 22(C) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS Act") on the alleged ground that accused No.4 being the owner of the vehicle got knowledge that the contraband i.e., dry ganja has been transporting in the said vehicle. He further submitted that the petitioner has filed an application seeking release of the vehicle before the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy. However, the trial Court, without properly considering the contentions raised by the petitioner, erroneously dismissed the said application. The vehicle has been in the custody of Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station, for the past one year and half year. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by the conditions which are going to be imposed by this Court. He further submitted that the petitioner is using the vehicle for her personal use and unless the vehicle is released, the petitioner will be put to great hardship.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner's vehicle was handed over by the Police before the Drug Disposal Committee and later the vehicle was given for interim safe custody to the Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station, and the said vehicle was kept in the Police Station premises. Thus, the petitioner is not entitled to seek interim custody of the vehicle till disposal of the said case before the Trial Court.

5. Having considered the rival submissions made by the respective parties and after perusal of the record, it reveals that the petitioner's vehicle was seized in respect of Crime No.231 of 2024 dated 31.12.2024 and since then, the vehicle is under the custody of the Police of Gummadidala Police Station.

6. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the impugned order passed by the Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy in CrI.M.P.No.152 of 2026 in NDPS.SC.No.160 of 2025(Crime No.231 of 2024) is set aside and this Court is inclined to grant interim custody of the petitioner's vehicle namely Volks Wagon car bearing registration No.TS-15-FP-3882, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only)

with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy and also on her furnishing an undertaking that she shall not alienate the vehicle, shall not change its physical features, till the disposal of the proceedings, and she shall produce the vehicle as and when required. Respondent No.2 shall write to the RTA authority not to transfer the vehicle in favour of any third party till the disposal of NDPS.SC.No.160 of 2025 (Crime No.231 of 2024 of P.S. Gummadidala) on the file of the I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy.

7. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

**SD/- P.C.SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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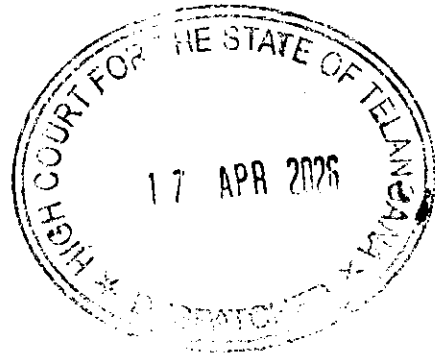
1. The Judicial First Class-Cum Special Mobile Magistrate At Sangareddy.
2. The I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy.
3. The Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station, Sangareddy District.
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 10/04/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.5380 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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