

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5644 of 2026

DATE: 24.04.2026

BETWEEN:

Manik Kumar Narayanbhai Pawar

.....petitioner/accused No.3

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 praying this Court to
enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.3
in Crime No.335 of 2026 before the Patancheru Police Station,

Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offence punishable under Sections 8c, 20(b)(ii)(B) of NDPS Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that a total of 6 kilograms of dry ganja was seized from Accused Nos.1 to 3. Basing on the same, the crime was registered for the above said offences. The petitioner was arrested and has been in judicial custody since 06.03.2026 in connection with the said offence.

3. Heard Sri S. Chandrashekar Yadav, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated only for statistical purposes and that the alleged contraband of 6 kilograms is less than commercial quantity and falls under intermediate quantity. The petitioner is in custody since 06.03.2026, is not connected with the alleged offence, and did not knowingly possess any contraband. He further submitted that all material witnesses have already been examined and there is no possibility of influencing witnesses or absconding.

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 bail petition contending that the petitioner is involved in a serious offence relating to possession of ganja and that investigation may be prejudiced if he is enlarged on bail. Hence, 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 06.03.2026. 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 Judicial Magistrate of First Class, (Prohibition and Excise), Sangareddy.

- 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).
- iv. If the petitioner is involved in any other Crime, the prosecution is at liberty for filing cancellation of bail.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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