

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6126 of 2026

DATE: 06.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Arlikatte Rajesh Anirudh

.....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 praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.1890 of 2025 before the Miyapur Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offence

punishable under Sections 8c read with 22(c) read with 27 read with 29 of NDPS Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 13.12.2025, based on credible information, the police conducted a raid near the Railway Underpass at Miyapur and apprehended seven persons, including the petitioner. During the raid, various narcotic and psychotropic substances, including LSD stamp papers, MDMA, Charas, Hashish cake, Cocaine, and Magic Mushroom, along with cash and mobile phones, were allegedly seized. A case was registered under the provisions of the NDPS Act against all the accused.

3. Heard P. Vikas Raj, 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 submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated, and no contraband was recovered from his conscious and exclusive possession and that the alleged recovery is joint in nature and no specific overt act or role is attributed to the petitioner. He

further submitted that the quantities involved do not constitute commercial quantity individually, and the prosecution has wrongly clubbed the recovery to attract Section 37 of the NDPS Act and that similarly placed co-accused have already been granted bail, and the petitioner is entitled to bail on the ground of parity. The petitioner claims a strong alibi supported by CCTV footage showing his presence at home at the relevant time. It is further submitted that he has been in judicial custody since 13.12.2025 and the investigation is substantially completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the bail application, contending that the petitioner was apprehended along with other accused during the raid and was part of a group involved in possession and dealing of various narcotic and psychotropic substances and that the recovery, though joint, establishes the involvement of all the accused, and the nature of the substances indicates a serious offence under the NDPS Act. He contended that the rigours of Section 37 of the NDPS Act are attracted, and the petitioner is not entitled to

bail in view of the gravity of the offence and the ongoing investigation. 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 13.12.2025. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 14 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, Ranga Reddy District at L.B. 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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