

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.6796 of 2026

DATE: 01.05.2026

Between:

Rahal Mandal

.... Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad,
Through the Station House Officer,
Prohibition & Excise Station, Khammam-I

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

Seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused in S.C (NDPS) No.32 of 2025, on the file of the Prohibition and Excise Station, Khamma-I, on bail, the present Criminal Petition is filed.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 04.07.2023, the Prohibition and Excise Police seized the contraband from the petitioner/accused who was allegedly transporting the same in order to earn money in an ease manner and the Prohibition and

Excise Police also registered a case vide C.O.R. No.8 5of 2023 for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 20(b) of the NDPS Act.

3. Heard Sri G.Kumar Yaddlapalli, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the seized contraband is just non-commercial quantity of 12.5 kgs. He further submitted that the petitioner was implicated in the case with false and fabricated allegations. He submitted that investigation is completed and further detention of the petitioner is unnecessary. He also submitted that the petitioner is remanded to judicial custody on execution of NBW issued on 28.10.2025 and he is in judicial custody since 04.03.2026, causing undue hardship to his family. He also submitted that the petitioner is permanent resident of Malkangiri, Odisha State and is willing to furnish sureties as directed. The learned counsel also submitted that the investigation is already completed and the matter is coming up for trial. 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 stating earlier the petitioner filed bail application before the trial Court at Khammam, but the same was dismissed on 24.04.2026. Though NBWs were issued against the petitioner, he has not appeared before the trial Court and filed an application for recall of the same. He further submitted that the investigation officer has taken lot of pains to arrest the petitioner and if bail is granted to the petitioner, there are chances of the petitioner evading trial of the case. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. After considering submissions from both the parties and reviewing the record, since the petitioner is in jail since 04.03.2026 and that the investigation is also completed, 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), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I-Additional District and Sessions Judge, Khammam.

- ii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).
- iii. The petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on every date of hearing till the disposal of the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

Date: 01.05.2026

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