

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7089 of 2026

DATE : 05.05.2026

Between:

Manik Sarkar and another

...Petitioners/Accused Nos. 2 and 3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through Station House Officer,
Kallur Police Station, Sangareddy District,
Rep.by its Public Prosecutor,
High court, Hyderabad.

...Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed before this Court for grant of bail to the petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos. 2 and 3 in Crime No146 of 2026 of Kollur Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the offence punishable under Section 80 (c) read with 20 (b) (ii) (B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NPDS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 06.03.2026, received information about the transportation of Ganja, immediately complainant conducted an inspection and found the accused No.3 along with other accused in possession of 7 kilograms of ganja. Basing on the same, a criminal case was registered against the accused persons for the alleged offences.

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

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent of the said allegations and that the seized contraband i.e., 07 Kgs. of ganja, constitutes an intermediate quantity. He further submitted that the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 06.03.2026 and investigation is already completed. As such, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioners by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned

counsel for the petitioners, contending that although the seized contraband falls under the category of intermediate quantity, the investigation is still ongoing and has not yet been completed. Therefore, granting bail to the petitioners, at this stage, do not arise. However, he informed the Court that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents.

6. In view of the submissions of both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is observed that the seized contraband i.e., 7 Kgs of ganja falls under the category of intermediate quantity and the petitioners have been in judicial custody since 06.03.2026, and a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the period of incarceration of the petitioners, this Court deemed it fit to grant bail to the petitioners/Accused Nos.2 and 3, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), each with two sureties for a like sum each to the

satisfaction of the learned
I Additional District and Sessions
Judge at Sangareddy.

- ii. The petitioners shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 PM 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 petitioners 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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