

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7970 OF 2026

DATE : 29.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Dothula Prithviraj @ Prudhviraj

...Petitioner/Accused No.1

And

The State of Telangana,
Through SHO, P.S.Medipally,
Represented by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana at,
Hyderabad.

... Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner/A1 on bail in Crime No.581 of 2026 of Medipally Police Station registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c), read with 20(b)(ii)(B), 29 of NDPS Act.

2. Heard Mr.N.Narsimulu, learned counsel for the petitioner/A1 and Mr.Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

3. The case of the prosecution in brief is that, on 17.04.2026, upon receiving credible information, the police conducted a search at petitioner's house at Rayancha Enclave, Peerzadiguda and found 1.504 kilograms of ganja from a bag kept in a shelf in the bedroom and thus the above crime was registered against him for the offences punishable under Section 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(B) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and that he has been falsely implicated in the present case and that there is no cogent evidence to substantiate the allegations leveled against him and that the petitioner has no connection with the alleged offences. He further submitted that the investigation is substantially completed, except filing of the

charge sheet and that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 17.04.2026 and that he has no prior criminal antecedents and that accused No.4 in the above crime was already granted bail by this Court and accused No.3 was granted bail by the trial Court. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending that the allegations leveled against the petitioner are for the offence punishable under the provisions of NDPS Act and that if the petitioner is released on bail, he may influence or intimidate the witnesses, tamper with evidence, destroy digital or physical records and, therefore, the petitioner is not entitled to grant bail.

6. Considering the submissions of learned counsel for the respective parties and upon perusal of the material available on record, it could be perceived that the seized contraband, i.e., 1.504 kilograms of ganja, falls under the category of intermediate quantity and the petitioner has been in judicial

custody since 17.04.2026, and a substantial portion of investigation has already been completed. The prosecution witnesses, LWs.1 to 11, including the Investigating Officer, have been examined. Taking into account the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the quantity of contraband seized, the period of incarceration and on the ground of parity with accused Nos.4 and 3, who have already been granted bail, this Court deems it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioner/A1, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The petitioner/A1 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 IV Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate-cum-Principal Junior Civil Judge, Uppal at Medipally, Medchal Malkajgiri District.
- 2) The petitioner/A1 shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. for a period of four (08) weeks or till filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

- 3) The petitioners/A1 shall furnish his mobile number and surrender his passport, if any, before the trial Court and shall not leave the Country without prior permission from the trial Court.
 - 4) The petitioner/A1 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.
 - 5) The petitioner/A1 shall not hamper the investigation or tamper with the prosecution evidence in any manner.
 - 6) The petitioner/A1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 480(3) of the BNSS.
 - 7) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is entitled to file appropriate application for cancellation of bail granted to the petitioner/A1.
7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

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