

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8221 OF 2026

DATE : 08.06.2026

Between :

Salimeni Pratap

... Petitioner/Accused

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioner praying this Court to enlarge him on bail who is arrayed as accused in COR No.44 of 2026 of Prohibition & Excise Station, Sathupally. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(b) (ii) (B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The facts of the case are that on 22.04.2026, while conducting route watch duty near the NPDCL 33/11 KV Sub-Station opposite Gourraram Toll Plaza at Uppalachalaka Village, Penuballu Mandal, Khammam District, the Excise Inspector and staff noticed the petitioner moving suspiciously and attempting to flee, the police apprehended him and found in possession of 6.715 kilograms of dry ganja, which was seized under a panchanama in the presence of mediators. The petitioner was arrested on the same day and remanded to judicial custody.

3. Heard Sri B. Muralidhar, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and he is falsely implicated in this case. The petitioner is in jail from 22.04.2026 and the seized quantity is 6.715 kilograms of dry ganja which is an intermediate quantity and that investigation is completed. As such, prayed this Court to grant regular bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending that though the quantity involved is intermediate quantity, the offence committed by the petitioner is under NDPS Act, as such at this stage, petitioner is not entitled to bail. However, he informed the Court that no other cases are pending against the petitioner.

6. Having regard to the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, as well as the material placed on record, it is seen that petitioner is in jail from 22.04.2026 and the seized contraband is intermediate quantity. Further, it is also informed to the Court that there is no previous crime history against the petitioner. Considering the period of incarceration and the seized contraband, 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 Judicial First Class Magistrate at Sathupally.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO between 09.00 a.m and 5.00 p.m., 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 petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 483(2) of the BNSS.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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