

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8599 of 2026

DATE: 16.06.2026

Between:

Pawan Kumar

.... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in C.O.R.No.20 of 2026 of Prohibition and Excise Police Station, Secunderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 18(b) and 15(a) of the NDPS Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 20.05.2026, the *de-facto* complainant received credible information and immediately he conducted inspection and found accused in possession of 400

grams of Opium and 450 grams of Poppy Straw and seized the contraband and a case was registered against him for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri G.Santosh Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the allegations against him and has been in custody since 20.05.2026. It was further submitted that the contraband allegedly seized is 400 grams of Opium and 450 grams of Poppy Straw, which constitutes an intermediate quantity. Learned counsel contended that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents and the material part of the investigation has already been completed. 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 that the alleged offences are of the NDPS Act and though the seized contraband is 400 grams of Opium and 450 grams of Poppy Straw, the investigation is not yet completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner herein is in jail from 20.05.2026 and the seized contraband is 400 grams of Opium and 450 grams of Poppy Straw, which is an intermediate quantity and there are no other cases pending against the petitioner and the material part of the investigation was already completed. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation, the duration of incarceration and the seized contraband, this Court finds it appropriate 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 XXII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Secunderabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.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 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.

K. SUJANA, J

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