

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8997 OF 2026

DATE : 30.06.2026

Between :

Laukik Ganesh Raut

... Petitioner/A.2

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent/Complainant

: 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 No.2 in Crime No.58 of 2026 of Kukatpally Police Station, Cyberabad. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(b)(ii)(C) and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 13.01.2026, at about 7:30 p.m., the police received credible information that two persons were transporting ganja from Hyderabad to Pune by bus and would be present near Metro Pillar No. 800, Miyapur, Kukatpally, between 9:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Acting on the said information, the police proceeded to the spot, apprehended the accused, and allegedly seized 21 kilograms of ganja from their possession. Thereafter, the present crime is registered against the accused for the above offences.

3. Heard Ms. Mudumba Laxmi, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present case and he has been in judicial custody since 18.01.2026 and that no contraband was recovered from his personal possession. According to the learned counsel, the petitioner was merely accompanying A.1, who belongs to the same village, and has no role in the alleged offence. It is further contended that the petitioner is implicated solely on the basis of the custodial statement of the co-accused, without any

independent witness or other incriminating material connecting him with the offence. Learned counsel also submitted that the investigation has been completed, no further custodial interrogation is required, and there are violations of the mandatory provisions under Section 50 of the NDPS Act. She further submitted that the petitioner is a permanent resident, there is no likelihood of his absconding or tampering with the evidence, and being a daily wage earner and the sole breadwinner of his family, his continued detention would cause severe financial hardship. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending that the offence committed by the petitioner is under the provisions of NDPS Act, and that the contraband seized is a commercial quantity. As such, in view of rigor of Section 37 of NDPS Act, petitioner is not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition. Further he informed the Court that no other cases are pending against the petitioner.

6. Having regard to the submissions made and the material placed on record, it is seen that petitioner is in jail for more than five months and till today charge sheet is not filed.

Considering the period of incarceration of petitioner in jail and the facts and circumstances, 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.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the I-Additional Junior Civil Judge –cum-XII Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Medchal-Malkajiri at Kukatpally.
- 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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