

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.9077 OF 2026

DATE : 02.07.2026

Between :

Manav Singh

... Petitioner/A.5

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent/Complainant

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who was arrayed as accused No.5 in connection with Crime No.09 of 2026 of Prohibition and Excise Station, Dhoolpet, Hyderabad. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(b)(ii)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 31.01.2026, acting on credible information, the Sub-Inspector of Prohibition and

Excise, Dhoolpet, along with his staff, conducted a raid at a house in Rahimpura, Hyderabad, where five persons, including the petitioner were found present. During the search, the officials allegedly seized 30.15 kg of dry ganja, mobile phones, and certain vehicles. According to the prosecution, the accused were part of a conspiracy to procure, store, and sell ganja, with the petitioner allegedly assisting in the sale of ganja sachets to local consumers. Based on the seizure and the statements of the co-accused, a case was registered, the accused were arrested, and remanded to judicial custody.

3. Heard Sri Umesh Singh, 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 has been falsely implicated in the present case without any prima facie material connecting him with the alleged offence. It is submitted that the petitioner was arrested from his residence without any independent investigation and was arrayed as Accused No.5 solely on the basis of the alleged confession of the co-accused, though no contraband was recovered from his possession and no material establishes his involvement in the alleged purchase, sale, transportation, or

peddling of ganja. It is further contended that the mandatory provisions of the NDPS Act were not followed, the FIR was registered in a mechanical manner without proper enquiry or application of mind, and the remand report does not disclose any specific overt act or role attributable to the petitioner. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner is a private employee with no criminal antecedents, has been falsely implicated for statistical purposes. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 31.01.2026 and till now charge sheet is not filed. Hence, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed for grant of bail contending that the contraband seized is a huge commercial quantity of 30.15 kgs of ganja as such, in view of rigor of Section 37 of NDPS Act, petitioner is not entitled to bail. He also contended that charge sheet is not yet filed and no other cases are pending against him. Hence, prayed to dismiss this criminal petition.

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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the I-Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Hyderabad.
- 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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