IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15581 of 2026
(CNR.No.HBHC010650712026)

DATED: 19.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Basava Jaganadham and another
.... Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 & 3

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep., by the learned Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana,
Hyderabad.
.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in SC NDPS No.32 of 2026 on the file of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy District on bail. The offences alleged against the petitioners 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 16.02.2026, acting on credible information, the police intercepted two persons during

vehicle checking and apprehended accused Nos.2 and 3 while they were allegedly transporting 108.433 kilograms of dry ganja, containing in six bags was labeled as P-1 to P-49, thereafter, the ganja was transferred into another plastic bag weighed, which came to be 101.711 kilograms and was labeled as MO-1 to MO-49 from one Raju of the State of Odisha to sell in the labor capms at Tellapur area. The contraband was seized under a panchanama in the presence of panch witnesses. The petitioners were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.02.2026. Presently, the petitioners-A2 and A3 are in Central Prison, Chanchalguda, Hyderabad District.

3. Heard Mr. M. Amarnath, learned counsel representing Ms. D. Pallavi, learned counsel on record for the petitioners-A2 and A3 and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners-A2 and A3 never involved in Crime No.110 of 2026 and that they have been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that if the petitioners-A2 and A3 are put in judicial custody for a longer period, their family would suffer. He further submitted that the investigation is completed, charge sheet

is also filed and that the petitioners-A2 and A3 had been remanded to judicial custody on 16.02.2026 and that the petitioners-A2 and A3 have no criminal antecedents. Hence, he prayed that this Court may grant bail to the petitioners-A2 and A3 by allowing the present Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail, contending that though the investigation has been completed and the charge sheet has also been filed the, quantity of ganja involved in the present case, i.e., 108.433 kilograms, is a huge commercial quantity and thereby the rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act would attract. Therefore, he prayed for dismissal of the present Criminal Petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioners-A2 and A3 have been in judicial custody for more than 9 months and that the contraband seized in the present case is 108.433 kilograms of dry ganja, which constitutes a commercial quantity. Even though charge sheet has been filed, in view of the contraband involved in the present case being commercial in nature, the rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act would certainly attract. It is also pertinent to note that the

petitioners-A2 and A3 had earlier filed Crl.M.P. No.568 of 2026 and Crl.M.P. No.310 of 2026 before the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy, seeking similar relief and the same were dismissed *vide* orders dated 08.07.2026 and 10.04.2026. Upon consideration of the material available on record, it is noticed that there are no changed circumstances back then in the earlier bail petitions and the present bail application.

7. In view of the same, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for, by the petitioners. There are no merits in this Criminal Petition and the same is liable to be dismissed.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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