IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No. 15549 of 2026

(C.N.R No. HBHC010652062026)

DATED: 07.10.2026

Between:
Mesram Ramjee. ... Petitioner - Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Through Indervelly P.S.
Adilabad District,
Rep.by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Hyderabad. ... Respondent-State

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1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner- accused on bail in connection with Crime No.147 of 2026 of Indravelly Police Station, Adilabad District. The offence alleged against the petitioner-accused is punishable under Section 8 (b) read with 20 (a) (i) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri Gajanand Chakravarthy, learned counsel for petitioner-Accused and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, for respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a bare perusal of the complaint is absolutely silent with regard to the

descriptive particulars of land, boundaries, extent and also the person who is cultivating the land. The petitioner is not the owner of the plant and he has no intention to grow Ganja plant and if he had such an intention, he would have grown Ganja plants in the entire land. The offence alleged is not attracted against the petitioner and Excise Police has not even mentioned the descriptive particulars of the land. Investigation is completed. Petitioner – accused is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 27.08.2026, since then he is in prison and prayed to enlarge the petitioner – accused on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the offence carries the punishment of 10 years and the remand case diary states the involvement of the petitioner – accused and prayed to dismiss the petition.

5. E.Sayanna, Sub-Inspector of Police has lodged a complaint before P.S. Indravelly on 27.08.2026. It is stated in the complaint that he received credible information that one person is illegally cultivating Ganja plants (Cannabis) on his agricultural land with forest rights located outskirts of Thummaguda Village of Indravelly Mandal. Believing the information received to be true and authentic, he secured the presence of panchas and conducted confessional-cum-seizure panchanama in their presence. The accused has Ac.1.02 guntas of agricultural land with forest rights

in Survey No.ROFR022300482415 and price of 16 ganja plants is valued approximately Rs.1,60,000/-. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner – accused is remanded to judicial custody on 27.08.2026, since then he is in jail.

7. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent has altogether examined 8 witnesses in support of the prosecution case. Admittedly, 16 ganja plants were seized and assessment of the said ganja is valued approximately Rs.1,60,000/-.

8. Record goes to show that investigation is at fag end, detaining the petitioner – accused further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Therefore, the petitioner – Accused is entitled to be enlarged on bail subject to following conditions:

> i) The petitioner-accused 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 learned Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Utnoor, Adilabad District.
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> ii) The petitioner-accused shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., on every Sunday 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 – accused shall not involve in similar office.

iv) The petitioner-accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

v) The petitioner-accused shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

vi) In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.

9. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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