IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15778 of 2026

(C.N.R No. HBHC010662682026)

DATED: 05.10.2026

Between:
Uday Venkappa Doddanaikar. … Petitioner – A1

And

The State of Telangana
represented by Public
Prosecutor High Court at Hyd.
Through SHO, Kothagudem I
Town Police Station, Bhadradri
Kothagudem District. …Respondent-State

O R D E R

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 – A1 on bail in connection with Crime No.136 of 2026 of P.S.Kothagudem I Town, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District. The offence alleged against the petitioner – A1 is punishable under Section 8 (c) read with 20 (b) (ii) (B) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri G.Kumar Yaddlapalli, learned counsel for petitioner – A1 and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondent – State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner-A1 is falsely implicated in the case, he is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. The alleged contraband seized from the possession of the petitioner – A1 is 19.290 Kgs., which is non-commercial quantity and the bar under Section 37 of the NDPS Act has no application and entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner – A1 on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the contraband which is seized from the petitioner – A1 in two bags is arranged by A2 – Nageswara Rao.

5. Sri B.Kishore, S.I of Police lodged a report before P.S Kothagudem I Town on 03.09.2026. It is stated in the complaint that it is case of 'possession and consumption of contraband (Ganja) by illegal transportation and illegal consumption.' A1 – Uday Venkappa Doddanaikar was apprehended by the complainant while he was in possession and transporting ganja of 19.5 kgs., in two bags which is arranged by A2 – Nageswara Rao and A3 – Karthik to deliver the same to A4- Anitha, who were absconding. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner – A1 is arrested on 03.09.2026 and was produced before the concerned Magistrate for remand on 04.09.2026, since then he is judicial custody.

7. It is mentioned in the remand report of petitioner – A1 that A2 – Nageswara Rao, A3 – Karthik and A4- Anitha are absconding. Respondent has altogether examined 12 witnesses in support of the prosecution case and the ganja which is seized by the respondent falls under intermediate quantity. Petitioner – A1 is Driver by occupation, he is entitled for grant of bail subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner – A1 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 1st Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Kothagudem.

ii. The petitioner – A1 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 – A1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner – A1 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

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

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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