IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16902 of 2026
(CNR.No.HBHC010707462026)

DATED: 19.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Feroz Ahmed .... Petitioner/Accused No.1

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 petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in SC NDPS No.11 of 2026 (arising out of Crime No.220 of 2025, Bhanoor Police Station, Sangareddy District) on the file of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy District on bail. 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 17.08.2025, acting on credible information, the police intercepted two four-wheeler

vehicles during vehicle checking and apprehended accused No.1 along with other persons while they were allegedly transporting 128 kilograms of dry ganja as well as packed empty covers i.e., P-1 to P-55 in another transparent plastic cover which is marked as M-56 from Odisha State to Nasik, Maharashtra State. The contraband was seized under a panchanama in the presence of panch witnesses. The petitioner-A1 was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 17.08.2025.

3. Heard Mr. M. Amarnath, learned counsel representing Ms. D. Pallavi, learned counsel on record for the petitioner-A1 and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner1-A1 never involved nor connected in Crime No.220 of 2025 and that he has been falsely implicated in the present case for statistical purpose. He further submitted that the investigation is completed, charge sheet is also filed and that the petitioner-A1 had been remanded to judicial custody on 17.08.2025 and that the petitioner-A1 has no criminal antecedents. Hence, he prayed that this Court may grant bail to the petitioner-A1 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, quantity of ganja involved in the present case i.e., 128 kilograms is much more than the commercial quantity and thereby the rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act would attract, therefore, 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 petitioner-A1 has been in judicial custody for more than fourteen (14) months, however, the contraband seized in the present case is 128 kilograms of dry ganja, which constitutes much more than 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 petitioner-A1 had earlier filed Crl.M.P. No.371 of 2026 before the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy, seeking similar relief and the same was dismissed *vide* order dated 28.04.2026. Upon consideration of the material available on record, it is noticed that there are no changed circumstances back then in the earlier bail petition 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 petitioner. 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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