IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16908 of 2026

(C.N.R No. HBHC010710242026)

DATED: 28.10.2026

Between:
Mekala Srikanth ... Petitioner – A5

And

The State of Telangana
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
Hyderabad. ... 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-accused No.5 on bail in connection with Crime No.204 of 2024 of P.S. Laxmidevipalli, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District. The offences alleged against the petitioner-accused No.5 are punishable under Sections 8 (C) read with 20 (b) (ii) (B), 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri Ch.Raj Kumar, learned counsel for petitioner-accused No.5 and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that complainant did not mention any specific overt acts against the petitioner – A5

and made only omnibus allegations. Police has completed material part of investigation and filing of charge sheet is left over. Petitioner- A5 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 15.07.2026, since then he is in jail and prayed to enlarge the petitioner – A5 on bail.

4. Sub-Inspector of Police, Laxmidevipalli has filed written instructions dated 12.10.2026 wherein it is stated that charge sheet is filed against A1, A2, A4, A6, A8, A9, A10 before learned Additional Sessions Judge, Kothagudem and the same is numbered as S.C.No.101 of 2026. The contraband seized is 17.435 Kgs., of dry ganja and supplementary charge sheet has to be filed against A5.

5. G.Ramana Reddy, Sub Inspector of Police lodged a report before P.S. Laxmidevipalli on 22.11.2024. It is stated that A1 – K.Krupakar @ Krupa, A2- A.Narsimha @ Nani, A3- K.Shiva Reddy, were transporting dry ganja weighing 17.435 grams worth Rs.4,35,875/- on two motorcycles, he and his staff apprehended them and seized ganja in the presence of mediators. Basing on which, FIR came to be registered.

6. Police had completed investigation against A1, A2, A4, A6, A8 and A10 and filed charge sheet before the concerned Court and the same is numbered as S.C.No.101 of 2026.

7. Petitioner – A5 is arrested on 15.07.2026 and he is produced before the concerned Magistrate for remand, since then he is in jail.

8. Charge sheet is already filed against other accused and S.C. number is already assigned as stated supra. Police has be file supplementary charge sheet against petitioner-A5 and this Court is of the view that investigation is almost completed against petitioner –A5, hence, he is entitled to be enlarged on bail subject to following conditions:

> i) The petitioner- accused No.5 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of learned III Additional Metropolitan Magistrate of First Class, Bhadradri Kothagudem.
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> ii) The petitioner- accused No.5 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.
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> iii) The petitioner- accused No.5 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv) The petitioner- accused No.5 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.

9. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

Date: 27.10.2026.
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