IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17915 of 2026

(CNR No.HBHC010751382026)

DATED: 5th NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:

Kodapa Maruthi

... Petitioner-Accused No.1

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent-Defacto complainant

ORDER

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 on bail who is arrayed as accused No.1 in connection with FIR No.74 of 2026 of P.S. Gadiguda, Adilabad District. The offences alleged against the petitioner-A1 are punishable under Sections 8(b) r/w 20(a)(i) of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri Soma Ravi Kiran Reddy, learned counsel for petitioner-A1 and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent - State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner-A1 has not committed any offence and the police apprehended him without having any proper evidence on record, immediately remanded him to judicial custody on 16.09.2026. Material witnesses are examined, filing of charge sheet is formal and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-A1 on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner-A1 has grown plants (60 wet ganja plants), worth Rs.6 Lakhs, the specific overt act attributed against him in the remand case diary and prayed to dismiss the petition.

5. G.Ramya has lodged a report before P.S. Gadiguda on 15.09.2026. It is stated in the complaint that she received a credible information through source that illegal ganja (Cannabis) is cultivated in the field of Kodapa Maruthi, she proceeded to the said place along with mediators and found that 60 ganja (Cannabis) plants were planted by the accused, which were idenitified by the Agriculture Officer i.e., Jatoth Yakanna and apprehended the suspect who was found working in the agricultural field. During the course of interrogation, accused disclosed his identity as Kodapa Maruthi and voluntarily confessed that he has committed the

offence, basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-A1 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 16.09.2026. Confession cum seizure panchanama is recorded in the presence of LWs.2 and 3, the complainant is examined as LW.1. LW.4 is the SHO, who has issued FIR and LW.5 is the Investigating Officer who has investigated the case.

7. Petitioner-A1 has filed Crl.MP.No.670 of 2026 for grant of regular bail before the learned Sessions Court, which came to be dismissed *vide* order dated 28.09.2026 with an observation that "investigation is under progress and it is not appropriate stage to enlarge the petitioner-A1 on bail".

8. Record goes to show that major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-A1 further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose.

9. Accordingly, the petitioner-A1 is enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-A1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of

the learned First Class Magistrate at Utnoor at Adilabad District.

ii. The petitioner-A1 shall appear before the concerned SHO in 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.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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