IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17937 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010752072026)

DATED: 18.11.2026

Between:

Sharukh Khan ...Petitioner/Accused No.3

AND

State of Telangana,
Represented by its Public Prosecutor,
Through the Police Station Ramachandra Puram,
Sangareddy District,Telangana,
.... Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking to enlarge the petitioner/accused No.3 on bail in Crime No.580 of 2025 of Ramachandrapuram Police Station, registered for the offences punishable under Section 8(c) read with Section 20(b)(ii)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, 'the NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the prosecution case are that on 20.09.2025, the police received credible information regarding transportation of ganja from Odisha towards Mumbai in a Honda City car bearing registration No.MH 02 BP 4385. On interception of

the vehicle near ICRISAT Toll Gate on National Highway No.65, the police allegedly seized 166 Kgs. of dry ganja, packed in 83 packets, without any valid permit or licence. The petitioner and the other accused were arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

3. Heard Sri A.M. Vineeth Kumar Goud, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri M. Vivekanand Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State. Perused the material available on record.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. It is contended that the petitioner was merely engaged as a driver and that the vehicle belonged to accused No.2. It is further contended that the mandatory procedure contemplated under Section 42 of the NDPS Act was not properly followed and that the prosecution has failed to establish the petitioner's involvement in the alleged conspiracy. It is also submitted that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 21.09.2025 and seeks grant of bail on the ground of prolonged incarceration.

5. Per contra, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposes the petition contending that the petitioner, along with the other accused, was involved in transportation of commercial quantity of ganja. It is further submitted that 166 Kgs. of ganja was seized from the vehicle and that the material collected during investigation

prima facie discloses the involvement of the petitioner. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that the charge sheet has been filed, as reflected at page No.30 of the material placed before this Court.

6. Considering the rival submissions and upon perusal of the material on record, this Court finds that the alleged seizure is of 166 Kgs. of ganja, which constitutes commercial quantity. The contentions regarding the petitioner's alleged role as a driver, conscious possession and non-compliance with the mandatory provisions of the NDPS Act require consideration during trial. Further, the charge sheet has already been filed.

7. Having regard to the nature and gravity of the accusation, the commercial quantity of contraband allegedly seized and the material available on record, this Court is not satisfied that the twin conditions stipulated under Section 37 of the NDPS Act are fulfilled. Therefore, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner-Accused No.3.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

Date: 18.11.2026
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