IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18040 of 2026
(CNR.No.HBHC010756262026)

DATED: 19.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Narayana Prasad Behra and 2 others
.... Petitioners/Accused Nos.2 to 4

AND

The State of Telangana,
Represented 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 petitioners, who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 to 4 in Crime No.151 of 2026, Sadasivpet Police Station, Sangareddy District on bail. The offences alleged against the petitioners 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 23.03.2026, acting on credible information, the police intercepted one vehicle during vehicle checking and apprehended accused Nos.2 to 4 while they were allegedly transporting 572 kilograms of dry ganja, packed in

286 packets from various places in their District. The contraband, valued at approximately Rs.2,86,00,000/- and the same was seized under a panchanama in the presence of mediators. The petitioners were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.03.2026.

3. Heard Mr. M. Amarnath, learned counsel representing Ms. D. Pallavi, learned counsel on record for the petitioners-A2 and A3 and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners-A2 to A4 never involved in Crime No.151 of 2026 and have been falsely implicated in the present case for statistical purpose. He further submitted that the contraband alleged to have been seized from the possession of the petitioners-A2 to A4 belonged to Accused Nos.6 and 7 and they used the students-A2 and A4 and labour-A3 for transportation of the contraband without the knowledge of the petitioners. He also submitted that if the petitioners-A2 to A4 are put in judicial custody for a longer period their family would suffer. He further submitted that the entire investigation is completed; that charge sheet is also filed; that the petitioners had been remanded to judicial custody on 16.02.2026 and that the petitioners have no criminal antecedents and thus,

prayed that this Court may grant bail to the petitioners by allowing the present Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail, contending that the quantity of ganja involved in the present case, i.e., 572 kilograms, is a huge commercial quantity. It is also contended that the petitioners belongs to the State of Odisha and that, if enlarged on bail, there is every likelihood of them absconding, 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 though the petitioners have been in judicial custody for more than 237 days, the contraband seized in the present case is 572 kilograms of dry ganja, which is much more than commercial quantity, as such, rigors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act would certainly attract. It is also pertinent to note that the petitioners had earlier filed Criminal Petition No.14161 of 2026 before this Court, seeking similar relief and the same was dismissed by order dated 28.09.2026. 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 petitioners. 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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