IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION Nos.18142 and 17806 of 2026

(CNR No.HBHC010760752026 (Crl.P.No.18142 of 2026)

(CNR No.HBHC010742612026 (Crl.P.No.17806 of 2026)

DATED: 4th NOVEMBER, 2026

Crl.P.Nos.18142 of 2026

Between:

1. Pabitra Gochhayat @ Chandan

2. Ashwin Kumar Swain @ Ashwin

... Petitioners-Accused Nos.1 & 2

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent-Complainant

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Between:

Muddam Praveen

... Petitioner-Accused No.4

And

The State of Telangana

... Respondent-Complainant

COMMON ORDER

1. These Criminal Petitions are filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) praying this Court to enlarge the petitioners on bail who are arrayed as accused Nos.1, 2 and 4 in connection with

Crime No.654 of 2026 of P.S. Pahadishareef, Ranga Reddy District. The offences alleged against the petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 are punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri Pothamshetti Manoj Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioners-A1 and A2, Sri Badra Nanavath, learned counsel for the petitioner-A4 and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent – State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners-A1 and A2 submits that the alleged ganja is seized from the public place. Petitioners-A1 and A2 are no way concerned with the alleged offence and they are first time offenders. Petitioners-A1 and A2 are arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2026, earlier bail petition came to be dismissed on 29.10.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner-A4 submits that the petitioner-A4 came to the place of occurrence along with A3 to receive ganja from the petitioners-A1 and A2, mere presence at the alleged place of occurrence or an allegation of intended delivery without sufficient independent material establishing

conscious possession or participation is not by itself conclusive proof of guilt. Contraband is seized from A1 and A2 is 1.075 kgs of dry ganja. Petitioner-A4 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2026 and prayed to enlarge them on bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the role played by the petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 is depicted in the remand case diary.

6. The case of the prosecution is that A1 along with A2 and other persons are involved in intermediary quantity of Narcotic Drugs i.e., 1.075 kgs of dry ganja, they seized the contraband along with four mobile phones, basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

7. Petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 along with A3 were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 05.10.2026, since then they are in jail.

8. Remand case diary goes to show that respondent-State altogether examined 13 witnesses. The contraband which is seized from the possession of A1 and A2 is 1.075 kgs of dry ganja and it is intermediate quantity. Since investigation is at the fag end, detaining the petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 further in

judicial custody will not serve the purpose, hence the petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 are entitled for grant of bail.

9. Accordingly, petitioner-A1, A2 and A4 are granted bail, subject to the following conditions :

i. The petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the concerned Court.

ii. The petitioners-A1, A2 and A4 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 petitioners- A1, A2 and A4 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioners- A1, A2 and A4 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

4th November, 2026
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Note: Issue CC by 05.11.2026

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