IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18519 of 2026
(CNR No. HBHC010772992026)

DATE: 19.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Bala Anjaneyulu ....Petitioner-Accused No.3

And

The State of Telangana, through Station House Officer, NDPS, Hyderabad, rep by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad.
....Respondent-Complainant

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This Memorandum of Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.3 on bail in connection with Crime No.20 of 2026 of Hyderabad Narcotic Police Station, Eagle Force. The offences alleged against the petitioner-Accused No.3 are punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w 22 (c), 27 A and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985 and Section 111 of BNS, 2023.

2. Heard Sri K. Mohan Goud, learned counsel representing Ms. Saraswathi, learned counsel for the petitioner and

Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondent – State.

3. The brief facts of the case are that on 19.07.2026, on credible information, the Inspector of Police, Hyderabad Narcotic Police Station raided a servant quarter at the rear corner of agricultural land in Sy.No.212, 213, 214, 218 and 226 of Thatikonda Village, Bhootpur Mandal, Mahabubnagar District and found a clandestine laboratory and apprehended the petitioner-accused No.3 along with other accused and seized alprazolam (said to weigh 1150 grams in two covers), various chemicals and apparatus, equipment and cell phones. Thereafter, a case in Crime No.20 of 2026 was registered and the petitioner-accused No.3 was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.07.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the alleged offences and he has been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that the petitioner holds the poultry farm on lease from accused No.4, the owner of the land and nothing was recovered from the personal possession of the petitioner-accused No.3. The petitioner-accused No.3 let out the said premises to accused No.1. The petitioner was arrested solely on the basis of the confessional statement of co-

accused. He further submitted that LWs.1 to 15 have already been examined, hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner- accused No.3.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public prosecutor submitted that the seized contraband is the commercial quantity. He further submitted the petitioner-accused No.3 knowingly permitted the other accused to manufacture the said chemicals and drugs. He further submitted that though the substantial part of the investigation has been completed, charge sheet is yet to be filed, hence, prayed to dismiss the present petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is evident that the petitioner-accused No.3 along with other accused indulged in illegal manufacturing of alprazolam in his premises. The seized quantity of Alprazolam in this case is 1150 grams, which constitutes a commercial quantity, therefore, rigor of Section 37 of NDPS Act squarely applies to this case. In view of the same, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for, by the petitioner-accused No.3. There are no merits in this Criminal Petition and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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