IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18513 of 2026
(CNR No.HBHC010774342026)

DATED: 18.11.2026

BETWEEN:

Surajit Pal .... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Through the Station House Officer,
Prohibition and Excise Station, Gandipet,
Rep., by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad. .... Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') seeking to enlarge the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.65 of 2026 of Prohibition and Excise Station, Gandipet, on bail. The said crime was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8 (c) read with Section 21 (b) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 07.10.2026, the petitioner/accused No.1 was found in possession of 15.49 grams of Heroin in an open place beside SSD Anandanilayam, Narsingi, Gandipet.

3. Heard Mr. B. Keerthi Reddy, learned counsel representing Mr. R. Prashanth, learned counsel on record for the petitioner and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner-accused No.1 was falsely implicated in the present case and that he has not committed any offence. It is further contended that the alleged recovery and seizure of contraband are required to be established in accordance with the mandatory provisions of the NDPS Act. It is further submitted that the petitioner-accused No.1 has been in judicial since 07.10.2026 and that the quantity of contraband allegedly seized in the present case falls within the category of intermediate quantity. Therefore, learned counsel prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail, however, submitted on instructions that there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner-accused No.1.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner-Accused No.1 herein has been in judicial custody since 07.10.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, it is evident that the

contraband alleged to have been recovered from the possession of the petitioner-accused No.1 is 15.49 grams of heroin, which falls within the category of intermediate quantity and thereby the rigrors of Section 37 of the NDPS Act are not applicable to the facts of the present case.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and since the contraband involved in the present crime falls within the category of intermediate quantity and as no criminal antecedents have been reported against the petitioner-accused No.1, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail, however, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge, Ranga Reddy District at L.B.Nagar and one of such sureties shall be of a local person.

ii. The petitioner-accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned SHO 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-accused No.1 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner-accused No.1 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.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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