IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18579 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010776622026)

DATE: 19.11.2026

BETWEEN:
Amit Verma and another

.....Petitioners-Accused Nos.1 and 4
And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court, High Court Building,
Hyderabad

.....Respondent

: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.1 and 4, on bail in connection with FIR No.350 of 2026 of Kothur Police Station, Future City, which was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with Section 20(a)(i), 27 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri S. Chandrashekhar Yadav, learned counsel for the petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 4 and Sri M. Vivekananda Reddy,

learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that, on 18.09.2026 on credible information, the Inspector of Police along with his staff reached behind Star Grnad Bawarchi Hotel, Kothur Mandal, where they found that, the petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 4 along with other accused have illegally cultivating the ganja plants each measuring between 14 Cms to 96 Cms in height with green leaves, stems long with roots weighing about 417 grams of ganja. Thereafter, a case in Crime No.350 of 2026 was registered and the petitioners-accused Nos.1 and 4 were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 18.09.2026.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioners are innocent of the alleged offences and they have been falsely implicated in the present case. He further submitted that the seized ganja is lesser than commercial quantity and there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioners. He further submitted that the petitioners are in judicial custody since 18.09.2026 and that LWs.1 to 11 have already been examined, hence, prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioners- accused Nos.1 and 4.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed for grant of bail and submitted that though the quantity is lesser than commercial quantity, and if the petitioners being released on bail, there is every likelihood of their indulging in similar offences again. 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. 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 petitioners herein have been in judicial custody since 18.09.2026. As seen from the remand case diary, it is evident that statements of prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 11 have already been recorded. Though the charge sheet is yet to be filed, the prosecution has not brought to the notice of this Court any specific circumstance necessitating further detention of the petitioners. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the stage of investigation and the duration of incarceration, and since the contraband is intermediary, this Court is inclined to grant bail to petitioners/ accused Nos.1 and 4, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioners – accused Nos.1 and 4 shall execute personal bonds for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties each for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge at L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.

ii. The petitioners – accused Nos.1 and 4 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 11:00 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 – accused Nos.1 and 4 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437 (3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480 (3) of the BNSS).

iv. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

VAKITI RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, J

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