IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD
THE HON'BLE SMT. JUSTICE JUVVADI SRIDEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION No.18709 of 2026

(C.N.R.No.HBHC010783162026)

DATED 13TH NOVEMBER, 2026

Between:
Pakaram Dewasi

… Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana

…Respondent/Complainant

ORDER:

Petitioner/accused No.1 has filed this petition under Sections 480 and 483 of BNSS, seeking regular bail in Cr. No.79 of 2026 on the file of Prohibition and Excise Station, Dhoolpet, registered for the offence under Section 8(c) r/w. 18(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri Ponampelli Ravi, learned counsel for petitioner and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State. Perused the record.

3. The case of the prosecution is that on 03.11.2026 at about 08:45 P.M., while the Prohibition and Excise officials were conducting route watch near Seetharambagh Temple Road,

Hyderabad, they apprehended two persons travelling on a two-wheeler. On questioning, accused No.2 was allegedly found in possession of a transparent polythene cover containing suspected opium. On weighing, the same was found to be 72 grams. It is further alleged that accused No.1 and accused No.2 were involved in the business of opium and that accused No.2 used to supply opium to accused No.1, who in turn used to pack the same into sachets and sell them to needy customers at Begum Bazar. Hence, the said contraband, mobile phone and two-wheeler were seized and both the accused were arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

4. Learned counsel for petitioner submits that the petitioner/accused No.1 is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the case. He further submitted that no contraband was recovered from the personal possession of the petitioner and that the alleged contraband of 72 grams of opium was recovered from accused No.2 and that the petitioner was apprehended on 02.11.2026, whereas the alleged offence occurred on 03.11.2026, and that the circumstances surrounding his arrest and the communication of grounds of arrest raise serious procedural irregularities. Further, the alleged quantity of opium is less than commercial quantity and the

petitioner is not required for any further custodial interrogation. Hence, prayed to enlarge the petitioner/accused No.1 on bail.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the application stating that the petitioner/accused No.1 and accused No.2 were involved in the illegal business of opium and that the petitioner used to purchase opium from accused No.2, pack the same into small sachets and sell it to needy customers at Begum Bazar for gaining profits. He further submitted that the investigation is still in progress and that, if the petitioner is released on bail, he may tamper with the evidence and may commit similar offences. Hence, prayed to dismiss the petition.

6. On a perusal of the complaint and remand case diary, it is apparent that 72 grams of opium was allegedly seized from accused No.2 and no contraband was recovered from the personal possession of the petitioner/accused No.1. It is further evident that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 02.11.2026 and the alleged contraband, mobile phone and two-wheeler have already been seized by the police. Considering that the alleged quantity of opium is less than commercial quantity, the facts and circumstances of the case and the period of incarceration undergone by the

petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that it is a fit case for grant of bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. **The petitioner/accused No.1 shall be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-(Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the I Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nampally, Hyderabad.**

ii. **The petitioner/accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned Station House Officer twice in a month i.e., on 1st and 15th of every month, till filing of charge sheet or for four (04) months, whichever is earlier.**

iii. **The petitioner/accused No.1 shall also furnish an undertaking before the concerned trial Court that he shall not involve in similar cases in future.**

iv. **The petitioner/accused No.1 shall comply with the conditions as laid down under Section 480(3) of BNSS.**

Petition is allowed accordingly.

JUVVADI SRIDEVI, J

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