

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17199 of 2025

DATE: 06.01.2026

BETWEEN:

N. Tirumallesh

.....petitioner/accused No.2

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
at Hyderabad.

.....Respondent/complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.2 in Crime No.161 of 2025 of Habeebnagar Police Station, Hyderabad,

registered for the offences punishable under Section 8(c) read with 21(c) of NDPS Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that based on credible information, on 27.07.2025, the police conducted a raid at H.No.No.11-1-1165/4, Mangar Basti and seized 1560 tablets of Nitrazepam, each weighing approximately 0.560 grams, with a total weight of about 873 grams. Consequently, a case was registered against the accused for offences punishable under Sections 8(c) read with 21(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

3. Heard Sri T. Prasanna Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Arun Kumar Doddle, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent - State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner was a labourer and that he was innocent and not connected in any manner with the alleged offences, and that he had been falsely implicated in the case. He further submitted that the entire prosecution story was fabricated and the petitioner is in jail since 05.08.2025 and that the total weight of 873 grams excluded the strip weight, and that each

tablet contained only 10 mg of the substance and asserted that the calculation had not been properly made. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, stating that the alleged contraband involved in the case is 873 grams of Nitrovet tablets, which constituted a commercial quantity. He further submitted that the investigation was ongoing and that, if the petitioners were released on bail at this stage, they might tamper with the evidence and threaten the witnesses. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioner is in jail since 05.08.2025. As seen from the record, the material part of the investigation has been completed and L.Ws.1 to 17 witnesses have been examined. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the incarceration period of the

petitioner, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner 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 XVI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Nampally, Hyderabad.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) week or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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