

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1128 OF 2026



Between:

Vonumu Chakradar, S/o. Ganapathi, Age: 25 years, R/o.Kothapeta,
Gollaveedhi, Vizianagaram District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner/Accused No.8

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, SHO, Vizianagaram Rural Police Station,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh Buildings, At
Amaravati.

...Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 480 and 483 of BNSS, is filed praying that in the
circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition,
the High Court may be pleased to grant bail to the Accused No.8 in Crime
No.5/2026 on the file of Vizianagaram Rural Police Station, Vizianagaram
District.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the
grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Joseph
Prem Kumar Kummarikunta, Advocate for the Petitioner and of Public
Prosecutor for Respondent, the Court made the following

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1128/2026****Order:**

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.8 on bail in Crime No.5 of 2026 of Vizianagaram Rural Police Station, Vizianagaram District, registered against the Petitioner/Accused No.5 herein for the offences punishable under Sections under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) read with Section 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri K. J. Prem Kumar, learned Counsel for the Petitioner and Ms. K. Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor.

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that, on credible information about illegal transportation of ganja, on 12.01.2026 at about 13.00 hours, Sub-Inspector of Police, Rural Police Station, Vizianagaram, along with his staff and mediators reached near Kapil Homes Layout, on the way of DTC, Saripalli Road, Vizianagaram Mandal and found the accused in possession of 8 KGs of contraband and thereafter arrested the accused and sent them to judicial custody.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that due to political rivalry, the petitioner was falsely implicated in this case and he has not committed any offence. The seized contraband is not a commercial quantity. The petitioner is the sole bread breadwinner of his family. The petitioner was

arrested on 13.01.2026 and since then he has been in judicial custody. The petitioner is ready to furnish sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the learned Trial Court to secure his presence for the purpose of investigation.

5. Ms. K. Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, would submit that the quantity involved in this case is not a commercial quantity and the inventory is completed. The investigation is pending for want of RFSL report.

6. The allegation against the petitioner/accused No.8 is that he along with other accused were found in possession of 8 KGs of ganja and he was spot arrested. The seized contraband is not a commercial quantity. He has been in judicial custody for the past more than 20 days. The petitioner is permanent resident of Vizianagaram District and he got a fixed abode. Since all the witnesses are official witnesses, there is no possibility of the petitioner threatening the official witnesses, tampering with evidence, or hampering the investigation may not arise. No petition seeking for custodial interrogation was filed by the police before the learned Court below concerned. Period for custodial interrogation is over. There are no adverse criminal adverse antecedents against the petitioner. If certain conditions are imposed, there is no likelihood of his absconding or evading the process of law.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature and gravity of allegations levelled against the Petitioner/Accused No.8, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.8 on bail.

8. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

- i. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall be enlarged on bail subject to he executing bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Vizianagaram.
- ii. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, on every Saturday in between 10:00 am and 05:00 pm, till cognizance is taken by the learned the Trial Court.
- iii. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the concerned Court.
- iv. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
- v. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall cooperate with the investigating officer in further investigation of the case and shall make himself available for interrogation by the investigating officer as and when required.
- vi. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.

vii. The petitioner/Accused No.8 shall surrender his passport, if any, to the investigating officer. If he claim that he do not have a passport, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

viii. The petitioner/accused No.8 is further directed not to post any videos or photos and not to discuss with regard to political issues on any social media platform.

**Sd/-U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR**

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Vizianagaram.
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam District.
3. The Station House Officer, Vizianagaram Rural Police Station, Vizianagaram District.
4. One CC to Sri Joseph Prem Kumar Kummarikunta, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP, Amaravati. [OUT]
6. One spare copy.

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HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATE:19/02/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

