

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SREENIVASA REDDY

CRIMINAL PETITION NO.1845 OF 2025

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, has been filed by the petitioner/A1, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.155 of 2024 of Mangalagiri Special Enforcement Bureau Police Station, Guntur Special Enforcement Bureau District.

2. A case has been registered against the petitioner herein and others for the offence punishable under Section 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that, on 09.08.2024, at Kaza toll plaza, Mangalagiri Mandal, on reliable information, the Special Enforcement Inspector, Special Task Force, Mangalagiri, along with his staff and mediators, intercepted two cars and arrested A1 to A5 and seized 230.565 KGs of Dry Ganja from their possession. A1 to A5 disclosed the involvement of A6 and A7 in the present crime. The contraband along with vehicles and other material was seized under cover of

a mediators report and a case has been registered against the accused.

4. Heard. Perused the record.

5. Petitioner herein/A1 was arrested on 09.08.2024 and since then he is in judicial remand. Petitioner is languishing in jail for more than 200 days. Statutory period of 180 days has expired. But, the police have not completed investigation nor filed charge sheet in this crime so far. It is also not known as to whether the police have filed any application before the jurisdictional Court for extension of time for completing the investigation or not. Further, A2 was granted bail by this Court and A3 to A5 were granted bail by the trial Court in the present crime.

6. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner/A1 on the following conditions.

i) The petitioner/A1 shall be released on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties of the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial

Magistrate of First Class-cum-Civil Judge (Junior Division) Court, Mangalagiri.

ii) On release, the petitioner shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, once in a week i.e., on every Saturday between 10.00 am and 01.00 pm, till filing of the charge sheet.

iii) Petitioner/A1 shall not go beyond the jurisdiction of Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh State, without leave of the trial Court and he shall make available his location through mobile phone by pairing it with the mobile phone of the Investigating Officer round the clock.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

K. SREENIVASA REDDY, J

Dated:28.02.2025
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