

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

THURSDAY, THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

:PRESENT:

HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T MALLIKARJUNA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2390 OF 2025



Between:

Pangi Ranga Rao @ Ranga Babu Alias Konda Babu, S/o. Ramadasu, age about 28 Years, Polambanda Village, Kitumula Post, Chinthapalli Mandal, Alluri Seetharama Raju District

...Petitioner/Accused-A7

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Judicature of Andhra Pradesh At Amaravati.

...Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of BNSS and Old Sections 437 & 439 of Cr.P.C, is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the memorandum of grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to release the petitioner/ A7 on bail in Cr.No. 21/2023 under section 20(b)(ii)(B), of NDPS Act 1985, Prohibition & Excise Station, Nellore-1 in NDPS SC No. 104 of 2023 on the file of Additional District and Sessions Judge, Nellore.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the memorandum of grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI KAKUMANU JOJI AMRUTHA RAJU, Advocate for the Petitioner, and of PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, for the Respondent;



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Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. KAKUMANU JOJI AMRUTHA RAJU

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following: ORDER:-

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 480 and 483 of the BNSS, has been filed by the petitioner/A8, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.21 of 2023 of Nellore-I SEB Police Station, Nellore SEB.

2. A case has been registered against the petitioner herein and others for the offences punishable under Sections 8(c) r/w

20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

3. The brief facts of the case are that on 14.04.2023 at about 2.30 p.m., on receipt of credible information about the illegal possession of ganja, the Enforcement Inspector of Police, along with his staff and mediators, rushed to vegetable shop (towards Ayyappagudi), Current Office Center, Nellore City noticed two persons who stood and having white colour plastic bags in their hands. On suspicious, the Enforcement Inspector of Police with help of staff caught hold the two persons and on search in that plastic bags and seized four kgs of ganja.

4. Heard. Perused the record.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner/A7 was remanded to judicial custody upon the production of a P.T.Warrant and has been in judicial custody since 03.01.2025. He further submits that, based on confessions of co-accused, the case was registered against the petitioner/A7, and no contraband was seized from him. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has a permanent abode at Polambanda Village, Chinthapalli Mandal,

Alluri Seetharama Raju District, and there is no possibility of his fleeing away from the Jurisdiction of the Court.

6. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, while opposing the prayer of the petitioner, submits that the investigation is not complete. When ascertained the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor confirmed that the petitioner has one criminal antecedent.

7. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, since the petitioner herein is arrayed as accused No.7 basing on the confessional statement of co-accused and no contraband was seized from him, this Court is of the opinion that the release of the present petitioner would not hinder the investigation in anyway. Most of the witnesses are shown to be official witnesses and the release of the petitioner/A7 would not cause hampering of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner herein/A6, on the following conditions:

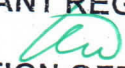
(i) The petitioner/A7 shall be released on executing a personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) with one surety for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Sessions Judge for trial of the cases under NDPS Act-cum-I Additional District & Sessions Judge, Nellore.

(ii) After release, the petitioner shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, once in a fortnight for a period of three (03) months.

(iii) That the petitioner is directed not to hamper the investigation and tamper with the prosecution witnesses and he shall cooperate with the investigation.

8. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is **allowed**.

SD/-B.CHITTI JOSEPH
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR


SECTION OFFICER

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For ,

To,

1. The Special Sessions Judge for Trial of the Cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act 1985 cum-I Additional Sessions Judge, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Nellore, SPSR Nellore District
3. The Station House Officer, Prohibition & Excise Station, Nellore-1 SEB, SPSR Nellore District
4. One CC to SRI. KAKUMANU JOJI AMRUTHA RAJU Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

TMR,J

DATED:20/03/2025

BAIL ORDER

CRLP.No.2390 of 2025

ALLOWED

