



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI [3369]
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

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

PRESENT
THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T MALLIKARJUNA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2388/2025

Between:

Pangi Rangarao @ Ranga Babu @ ...**PETITIONER/ACCUSED**
Konda Babu

AND

The State Of Andhra ...**RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT**
Pradesh

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/A6, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.91 of 2023 of Sullurpet Police Station, Tirupathi District.

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 A1 and A2 are in the habit of consuming ganja and they often purchase ganja from A4 and consuming ganja. As A1 and A2 have no money for their vices, they were also selling ganja by purchasing ganja from A4. A1 and A2 also got friendship with A3, A5 and Juvenile No.1/Kiliveti Akshay Kumar @ Ammu. While so, two months back A1 and A2 purchased 6 kgs of ganja from A4 and selling the same in small quantity. Due to fear of Police, A1 and A2 escaped from the village with remaining ganja. On 12.07.2023, A3, A5 and Juvenile No.1 went to Kotapoluru Village for consuming ganja and approached A1 and A2 and asked Ganja. Later, A1 and A2 brought Tanja and while issuing ganja to A3, A5 and Juvenile No.1, meantime, police captured them. The complainant found 2 packets of ganja weighing about each packet containing 2 kgs total 4 kgs of ganja was seized from the possession of accused in the presence of mediators under cover of mahazamama, basing on which, a case in the above crime was registered.

4. Heard. Perused the record.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner/A6 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/A6, 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.6 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/A6 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/A6 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**.

T. MALLIKARJUNA RAO , J

Date.20.03.2025.

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HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE T. MALLIKARJUNA RAO

Criminal Petition No.2388 of 2025

Dated:20.03.2025

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