

[3369]
IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT
AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE NINETEENTH DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE



: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE T. MALLIKARJUNA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2698 OF 2025

Between:

Amudala Ravi Chandu, S/o. Raju, Hindu, Male, Aged 22 years,
R/o. Railway Quarters, Nidadavole Town, Nidadavole Manda,
West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

Petitioner/Accused No. 2

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, through Station House Officer,
Nidadavole Town Police Station, West Godavari District, Rep.
by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh at
Amaravathi .

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik
Suraksha Sanitha 2023, is filed praying that in the
circumstances stated in the Criminal Petition, the High Court
may be pleased to grant Regular Bail to the petitioner in
connection with Crime No.04/2025 on the file of Nidadavole
Town Police Station, West Godavari District, in the interests of
justice;

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER: Sri Ch. Sarath Chandra

COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENT: Public Prosecutor

The Court made the following



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Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. CHAKRALA SARAT CHAND

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/A2, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.04 of 2025 of Nidadavole Town Police Station, East Godavari 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)(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

3. The brief facts of the case are that on 10.01.2025 on receipt of information about the presence of accused in Nidadavole with ganja, the SI of Police along with staff, rushed to open space nearby vacant TIDCO houses, Theerugudem Village h/o Nidadavole and arrested A1 to A11 and seized in possession of total ganja 21.965 kgs from A1 to A11.

4. Heard. Perused the record.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, according to the case of the prosecution's case, a total of 21.965 kgs of ganja was seized from the accused, which does not constitute a commercial quantity. Upon appreciating the rival contentions and reviewing the remand report, it appears that the investigating officer from Nidadavole Police Station has seized 22 kgs of ganja from A1 to A11. Based on the allegations at this stage, it cannot be determined whether the seizure made from each individual is to be considered as an individual seizure or a collective seizure. The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has a permanent residence, and there is no possibility of his fleeing from the jurisdiction of the Court.

The learned Assistant Public Prosecutor relies on the confession statement, which is said to indicate that the ganja was collected from A12, who is a resident of Orissa.

6. As per the record, the petitioner/A2 has been in judicial custody since 10.01.2025, and the petitioner is aged 22 years. Moreover, the contraband said to have been seized from the petitioner does not constitute a commercial quantity. When ascertained the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor confirmed that the petitioner has no previous antecedents under the NDPS Act. Most of the witnesses are shown to be official witnesses and the release of the petitioner/A2 would not cause hampering of investigation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner herein/A2, on the following conditions:

(i) The petitioner/A2 shall be released on executing a personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Special Judge for Trial of Offences Under NDPS Act-cum-I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Eluru, West Godavari District.

(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.

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

SD/-B.CHITTI JOSEPH
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
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SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The Special Judge for Trial of Offences Under NDPS Act-cum-I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2. The Station House Officer, Nidadavole Town Police Station, West Godavari District,
3. The Superintendent, District Judge, Eluru, Eluru District.
4. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Rajahmundry, E.G. District.
5. One CC to Sri Chakrala Sarat Chand Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
7. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

TMRJ

DATE: 19-03-2025

ORDER

CRLP. No. 2698 of 2025

GRANTING BAIL

