

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI

FRIDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF APRIL,

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2412 OF 2026



Between:

1. Vissarapu Lingeswararao, S/o Ramu, Age 25 years, R/o Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District.
2. Someli Balakrishna, S/o Nookaraju, Age 33 years, R/o Thadeveedhi Village, G.Madugula Mandal, ASR District.
3. Someli Praveen Kumar, S/o Nagaraju, Age 25 years, R/o Thadeveedhi Village, G.Madugula Mandal, ASR District.
4. Shaik Hassain, S/o Papanna, Age 24 years, R/o Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District.
5. Shaik Hussain, S/o Eswara Rao, Age 24 years, R/o Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District.
6. Chebolu Santosh, S/o Bhuloka Naidu, Age 28 years, R/o Bailapudi Village, Cheedikada Mandal, Anakapalli District.

...Petitioners/A-1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Anakapalli Town Police Station, Rep. by the Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati, Guntur District

...Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 480 & 483 of BNSS, 2023 is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in memorandum of grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to release them, on regular bail in connection with Crime No.193/2025 of Anakapalli Town Police Station;

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and memorandum of grounds of criminal petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Arrabolu Sai Naveen, Advocate for the Petitioners and Public Prosecutor for the Respondent, the Court made the following;

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiyana Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS.'), has been filed by the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7, seeking regular bail in connection with Crime No.193 of 2025 of Anakapalli Town Police Station, registered for the offence under 20 (b) (ii) (C) read with Section 8(c) and 25 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri Arrabolu Sai Naveen, learned counsel for the Petitioners and Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the Respondent/State.

3. Learned counsel for the Petitioners would submit that the Petitioners were not present at the relevant time and place and they have not committed any offence as alleged. Learned counsel would further submit that the Petitioners have been in judicial custody since 23.08.2025. Learned counsel would further submit that, there is order of extending the remand of the Petitioners after 10.02.2026. It is further submitted that earlier application seeking default bail was dismissed by this Court on the ground that charge sheet was filed within the statutory period. It is further submitted that the prosecution earlier claimed that the charge sheet was filed within the statutory period which is not correct and no charge sheet has been filed till date. It is further submitted that there are no criminal antecedents against Accused Nos.4 and 6. Learned counsel would submit that the Petitioners

are ready to furnish sureties to the satisfaction of the Court. Hence, prayed to enlarge the Petitioners on bail.

4. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and would submit that charge sheet was filed 05.12.2025, which is within the statutory period and placed the CCTNS uploaded copy to prove the same. It is further submitted that the Petitioners indulged in similar type of offences. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5. Considering the submissions made, and in view of the discrepancy regarding the extension of remand of the Petitioners, this Court called for a report from the Court of the I Additional District Court, Visakhapatnam, where the Accused were initially produced. As the case was subsequently transferred, a report was submitted by the learned X Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anakapalli. The report reveals that the matter was being adjourned from time to time up to 10.02.2026, with no particulars indicating any further extension of remand thereafter. It further discloses that the charge sheet in the present crime was filed on 01.04.2026 before the Court of the X Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anakapalli. However, the copy uploaded in the CCTNS, as filed by the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, indicates that the charge sheet was filed on 05.12.2025. In view of this apparent discrepancy, the matter requires detailed examination.

6. Be that as it may, though the statutory period has elapsed, in the absence of any judicial order extending the remand from 10.02.2026 till 24.03.2026, being the date on which the matter was transferred to the Court

of the X Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anakapalli, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioners on bail.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed enlarging the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7 on bail, with the following conditions.

- (i) Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7 shall be released on bail on their executing personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousands only) each with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the trial Court.
- (ii) On such release, the Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, once in a week i.e., on every Sunday between 10.00 a.m. and 05.00 p.m until further orders.
- (iii) The Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7 shall not directly or indirectly tamper with the prosecution witnesses or influence them in any manner.
- (iv) The Petitioners / Accused Nos.1, 3 to 7 shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Court without prior permission of the Court.

As a sequel thereto, miscellaneous petitions pending if any shall stand closed.

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SD/- K. KASIRAO ACHARI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Registrar (Judicial), High Court of AP, Amaravathi.
2. The I Additional Junior Civil Judge cum XI Additional Metropolitan Magistrate, Anakapalli.
3. The X Additional District and Sessions Judge, Anakapalli.
4. The Superintendent, Visakhapatnam Central Jail, Visakhapatnam District.
5. The Station House Officer, Anakapalli Town Police Station
6. One CC to Sri. Arrabolu Sai Naveen, Advocate [OPUC]
7. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP [OUT]
8. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

Dr.VJP,J

DATED:10/04/2026

ORDER

CRLP.No.2412 of 2026

ALLOWED

