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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2453 OF 2026

Between:

Ghattamaneni Purushothem Chowdarry, S/o G.Venkateswar Rao, aged about 28 years R/o H.No.14-1-97, Garagamma Veedhi, Eye Hospital Backside, Peda Boddepalli, Narsipatham, Anakapalli District.

Petitioner/Accused No.2

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, through SHO, P.M.Palem Police Station, Visakhapatnam, rep. by the Public Prosecutor, High Court Buildings at Amaravati.

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of BNSS (Old Sections 437 & 439 of Cr.P.C), is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner/A2 on bail in connection with Crime No. 452 of 2025 of P.M.Palem Police Station, Visakhapatnam.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI KOCHIRI RAJA SHEKAR Advocate for the Petitioner, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR Advocate for the Respondent and the Court made the following.

ORDER



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POLICE STATION, VISAKHAPATNAM, REP. BY THE PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT BUILDINGS AT AMARAVATI.**

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. KOCHIRI RAJA SHEKAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

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
Petitioner / Accused No.2, seeking regular bail in connection with Crime
No.452 of 2026 of P.M.Palem Police Station, Visakhapatnam, registered for
the offence under Section 20(b)(ii) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic
Substances Act (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri Koppiri Raja Sekhar, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the Respondent/State.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner/Accused No.2 would submit that the Petitioner is innocent of the alleged offence and the Petitioner was not present at the relevant time and place. It is further submitted that, except the confessional statement of Accused No.1, there is no material to show the involvement of the Petitioner in the alleged offence. Learned counsel would further submit that the Petitioner has been in jail since 23.01.2026. It is submitted that the contraband seized in this case is a non-commercial quantity and the statutory period is also completed. Learned counsel would submit that Accused No.1 was already released on bail. Hence, prayed for grant of bail to the Petitioner
4. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit that the contraband seized in this case is a non-commercial quantity. It is further submitted that Accused No.1 is already released on bail.
5. Having regard to the totality of the circumstances, including the period of custody of the Petitioner, nature of allegations, parity with co-accused, and absence of substantial material at this stage, this Court is of the view that the Petitioner / Accused No.2 is entitled to be enlarged on bail.
6. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following conditions.

(i) The Petitioner / Accused No.2 shall be released on bail on execution of a personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousands only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the trial Court.

(ii) The Petitioner shall appear before the concerned Station House Officer twice in a month, i.e., on 2nd and 4th Sundays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., till filing of the charge sheet.

(iii) The Petitioner shall cooperate with the investigation and shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required.

(iv) The Petitioner shall not involve in any similar offences during the pendency of the case.

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

SD/- N.NAGAMMA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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To,

1. The XVI Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Bheemunipatnam.
2. The SHO, P.M.Palem Police Station, Visakhapatnam.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.
4. One CC to SRI. KOCHIRI RAJA SHEKAR Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CC's to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP at Amaravati. [OUT]
6. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED: 07/04/2026

ORDER

CRLP.No.2453 of 2026



ALLOWED