

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

: PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 2908 OF 2026

Between:

Vanthala Bujji Babu, S/o. Late Krishna Rao, aged about 35 Years, Vanthala Gummi Village, Guttuluputtu Panchayath, Paderu Mandal, Alluri Seetha Raju District

Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

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

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 480 & 483 of BNSS is filed praying that in the circumstances stated in the grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to release the petitioners/A1 on Bail in connection with Crime No. 122 of 2025 of Nathavaram Police Station, Anakapalli District, Dated 14-10-2025, under 20(b),(ii),(c),22(c),25 R/w 8(c) NDPS Act 1985.

Counsel for the Petitioner: Sri Kakumanu Joji Amrutha Raju

Counsel for the Respondent: Public Prosecutor

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION No. 2908 of 2026****ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 480 and 483 of the BNSS, has been filed by the Petitioner herein/Accused No.1, seeking regular bail, in Crime No. 122 of 2025 of Nathavaram Police Station, Anakapalli District, dated 14-10-2025, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C), 22(c), 25 r/w 8(C) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short "NDPS Act").

2. As per the case of the prosecution, the petitioner and other accused were found in possession of 1 Kg of liquid ganja/hash oil and 5 Kgs of ganja.

3. Heard Sri Kakumanu Joji Amrutha Raju, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mrs.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing on behalf of the State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this crime and that he is in no way connected with the commission of the offence. The petitioner has been in judicial custody since 14.10.2025. The contraband involved in the present crime is of 1 Kg of liquid ganja/hash oil and 5 Kgs of ganja. It is further submitted that the statutory period is over and no report has been filed before the Trial Court till date. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner undertakes to strictly adhere to any conditions that may be imposed by this Court.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor on behalf of the State vehemently opposed the petition and contended that the investigation is still pending and the contraband involved in the present case is 1 Kg of liquid ganja/hash oil, which is a commercial quantity and 05 Kgs of ganja. She would further submit that the investigating agency filed a petition seeking extension of remand, but the same was dismissed. She finally submits that the Court may pass appropriate orders.

6. Considering the submissions and upon keen perusal of the material placed on record and in the light of the facts and circumstances of the case, that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 14.10.2025, that the statutory period is over and the petition filed for extension of time by the investigating agency was dismissed by the Special Court, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner/accused No.1 on bail with the following conditions;

- i. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs. 20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each, to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Narsipatnam.
- ii. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required and shall cooperate with further investigation, if any.
- iii. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall not directly or indirectly tamper with evidence nor influence, intimidate, or induce any prosecution witness.

- iv. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall appear before the Station House Officer, concerned, once in a week i.e., on every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. till filing of charge sheet.
 - v. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
 - vi. The petitioner/accused No.1, shall surrender his passport, if any, to the concerned Court. If he claims that he does not have a passport, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the concerned Court.
7. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution shall be at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.
8. It is also made clear that the observations made in this order are only for the purpose of deciding the bail application and they shall not be construed as opinion on the merits of the Crime.
9. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

As a sequel thereto, the miscellaneous applications, if any, pending in this Criminal Petition shall stand closed.

SD/- P.VINOD KUMAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The II Additional Judicial Magistrate at Visakhapatnam
2. The Superintendent, Central Prisonm, Visakhapatnam
3. The SHO, Nathavaram PS, Anakapalli 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

HIGH COURT

DR.VJP, J

DATED: 22/04/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

