

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
MONDAY, THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3101 OF 2026



Between:

1. Arangi Laxman, S/o. Kurtibas, Age 42 yrs, R/o. Arangiguda Village, Serapalli Post, Pandripani Mandal, Malkangiri District, State of Odisha.
2. Patri Bala Mumgan Raju, S/o. Ravi Kumar Raju, Age 22 yrs, R/o. H.No. 3-147, Venkata Reddy Nagar, AIE Bollaram, Medak District, State of Telangana.
3. Mathari Vinay Kumar, S/o Goraknath, Age 25 years, R/o D.no. 14-207, BC Colony, Bollaram, Medak District, State of Telangana.
4. Polaki Sai Kumar, S/o Ramarao, Age 20 years, R/o D.no. 1-94, Harijana Street, Gokamapuram Village, Nandigam Mandal, Srikakulam District, State of A.P.
5. Ratti Vishnu, S/o late Laxmana Rao, Age 21 years, R/o SC Colony, Badagam Village, Nandigam Mandal, Srikakulam District, State of A.P.

Petitioner/Accused No.1 to 5

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Judicature of Andhra Pradesh 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 release the Petitioners/Accused No. 1 to 5 in Crime No. 30 of 2026, on the file of the Chinturu Police Station.

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI DASARI RAMAKOTESWAR RAO Advocate for the Petitioner(s), PUBLIC PROSECUTOR Advocate for the Respondent and the Court made the following.

ORDER

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3101 OF 2026****ORDER:-**

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 437 and 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (for brevity 'the Cr.P.C.)/ Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 on bail in Crime.No.30 of 2026 of Chinturu Police Station, Polavaram District, registered against the Petitioners herein for the offences punishable under Section 8(c) read with Section 20(b)(ii)(B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity 'the NDPS Act').

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the respondent/State. Perused the record.
3. The case of the prosecution is that, on 24.02.2026 the petitioners/accused Nos.1 to 5 and other accused were found in possession of 07 kgs of ganja while they were transporting the same.
4. The Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 to 5 arrested on spot on 24.02.2026, while they were in possession and transportation of 07 kgs of ganja. Seized ganja is not a commercial quantity. The petitioners have been in judicial custody for the past 93 days. Four witnesses have been examined so far.

They are all material witnesses. Substantial portion of investigation is completed. If they enlarged on bail with certain stringent conditions, they may not evade from the process of law. No application is filed seeking custodial interrogation of the Petitioners. Statutory period is already over.

5. Considering the nature and gravity of allegation levelled against the Petitioners, their alleged roles played in this case, and the period of detention undergone by the Petitioners, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioners on bail with the following stringent conditions:

6. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following conditions:

i. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall be enlarged on bail subject to they executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) each with two sureties each for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Rampachodavaram.

ii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned once in a week i.e., on every Saturday in between 10:00 am and 05:00 pm, till filing of charge sheet.

iii. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.

iv. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall cooperate with the investigating officer in further investigation of the case and shall make themselves available for interrogation by the investigating officer as and when required.

v. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.

vi. The Petitioners/Accused Nos.1 to 5 shall surrender their passports, if any, to the concerned Magistrate Court. If they claim that they do not have passports, they shall submit affidavits to that effect to the concerned Magistrate Court.

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SD/- M.SRINIVAS
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Additional First –Class magistrate at Rampachodavaram.
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.
3. One CC to SRI. DASARI RAMAKOTESWAR RAO Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CC's to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP at Amaravati. [OUT]
5. One spare copy

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HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED: 27/04/2026

ORDER

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ALLOWED

