



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3396]

**TUESDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR. JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3175/2026

Between:

GOLLA VEERESH, S/O LATE PEDDAIAHAGED ABOUT YEARS,
RESIDENT OFPUAKURTHI VILLAGE, KODUMUR MANDALKURNOOL
DISTRICT

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, BY STATION HOUSE
OFFICERPEDDAKADUBUR POLICE STATIONKURNOOL
DISTRICTBY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA
PRADESH, AMARAVATHI

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1.G SRAVAN KUMAR

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1.PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The instant petition under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 has been filed seeking to grant anticipatory bail to the Petitioner / Accused No.3, in connection with Crime No.3 of 2026 on the file of Peddakadubur Police Station, Kurnool District which is registered for the offence under Sections 20(b)(i) and 20(b)(ii)(B) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The prosecution's case, in brief, is that on 17.01.2026 at about 11:30 hours, A1 and A2 were apprehended by the Circle Inspector near a hut located in the fields of Kuruva Mallikarjuna, situated to the east of the road leading from Jalavadi to Yemmiganur Road, on the outskirts of Jalavadi village. Upon their apprehension, 750 grams and 350 grams of dried ganja leaves were seized from A1 and A2 respectively, totaling 1100 grams. It is further alleged that the Petitioner herein had purchased the same from A1. Subsequently, a case was registered against them for the aforesaid offence.

3. Heard Sri G.Sravan Kumar, learned counsel for the Petitioner and Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the Respondent/State.

4. Learned counsel for the Petitioner would submit that the Petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case only on the basis of the alleged confession of A2. It is contended that the Petitioner was not present at the relevant time and place. It is further submitted that A1 and A2 have already been remanded to judicial custody and the Petitioner has no connection with the alleged contraband. The Petitioner is innocent and undertakes to abide by any conditions imposed by this Hon'ble Court and prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and would submit that the Petitioner was absconded while the Police were conducting raid. It is further submitted that the investigation is still going on and the

Petitioner is not entitled to anticipatory bail at this stage. Hence, prayed for dismissal of the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court is of the view that the investigation is at a preliminary stage. The allegation that the Petitioner absconded during the raid and the need for custodial interrogation cannot be ruled out at this stage. Granting anticipatory bail may impede the course of investigation.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed.

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

Dt.28.04.2026
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Dr.JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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Dated:28.04.2026

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