

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3323 OF 2026

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CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3333 OF 2026

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CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3328 OF 2026

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CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3334 OF 2026



CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3323 OF 2026

Between:

Bukke Lakshmi Narayana Naik, , S/o Subba Naik, aged 45 years, R/o.
Bavikadapalli Village, Pullampeta Mandal, Tirupati District.

Petitioner/Accused No.5

AND

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

Respondent

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 CriminalPetition, the High Court may be pleased to release the Petitioner/Accused No.5 on bail, pending investigation, inquiry and trial in Crime No. 246/2025 of Mannur Police Station, Annamayya District.

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3333 OF 2026

Between:

Bukke Lakshmi Narayana Naik, S/o Subba Naik,aged 45 years, R/o.
Bavikadapalli Village,Pullampeta Mandaf, Tirupati District.

Petitioner/Accused No.6

AND

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

Respondent

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 Petitioner/Accused No.6 on bail, pending investigation, inquiry and trial in Crime No. 133/2025 of Nandalur Police Station, Annamayya District.

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3328 OF 2026

Between:

Bukke Lakshmi Narayana Naik, S/o Subba Naik, aged 45 years, R/o. Bavikadapalli Village, Pullampeta Mandal, Tirupati District.

Petitioner/Accused No.5

AND

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

Respondent

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 Petitioner/Accused No.5 on bail, pending investigation, inquiry and trial in Crime No. 17/2026 of Mannur Police Station, Annamayya District.

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3334 OF 2026

Between:

Bukke Lakshmi Narayana Naik, S/o Subba Naik, aged 45 years, R/o. Bavikadapalli Village, Pullampeta Mandal, Tirupati District.

Petitioner/Accused No.6

AND

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

Respondent

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 Petitioner/Accused No.6 on bail, pending investigation, inquiry and trial in Crime No. 11/2026 of Nandalur Police Station, Kadapa District.

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 D PURNACHANDRA REDDY Advocate for the Petitioner, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR Advocate for the Respondents and the Court made the following.

ORDER

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO:-3323, 3334, 3328 and 3333 of 2026****ORDER:**

These Criminal Petitions are filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the BNSS by the petitioner/accused seeking regular bail in connection with the Cr.No.11 of 2026 of Nandalur Police Station, Kadapa District (Crl.P.No.3334 of 2026); Cr.No.133 of 2025 of Nandalur Police Station, Annamayya District (Crl.P.No.3333 of 2026); Cr.No.17 of 2026 of Mannur Police Station, Annamayya District (Crl.P.No.3328 of 2026); Cr.No.246 of 2025 of Mannur Police Station, Annamayya District (Crl.P.No.3333 of 2026).

2. Heard Sri D. Purna Chandra Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner/accused, and Mrs. K. Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor for the State.

3. Since the accused in all these Criminal Petitions is one and the same, and at the request of the learned counsel on both sides, these matters are heard together and are being disposed of by way of this common order.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a practicing advocate who has been defending accused in these cases. It is contended that he has been falsely implicated in the present cases, which involve offences punishable under Sections 303(2), 49, 61(2) read with 3(5) of the BNS, and Section 20(1)(d)(i)(a) read with 20(1)(c) and Schedules II, III, IV, X, and Section 36(A) read with 32(A) of the A.P. Forest Amendment Act, 2016. It is further submitted that, except for the alleged confession statement

of a co-accused, there is no material against the petitioner. The petitioner surrendered before the concerned Court and has been in judicial custody since 24.03.2026.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petitions, contending that there are specific allegations against the petitioner based on the confession of co-accused and that the investigation is still pending.

6. Considering the submissions made and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court is of the view that since the petitioner voluntarily surrendered before the Court and has been in judicial custody since 24.03.2026, and as a substantial part of the investigation appears to have been completed, the petitioner is entitled to be released on bail, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- in each criminal petition (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each, to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate of First Class for Trial of Cases relating to Red Sanders Smuggling, Tirupati.
- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required and shall cooperate with the investigation.
- iii. The petitioner shall not directly or indirectly tamper with evidence or influence, intimidate, or induce any prosecution witnesses.

iv. The petitioner shall appear before the jurisdictional Magistrate once in a week, i.e., every Monday at 10:30 AM, until receipt of summons after cognizance.

v. The petitioner shall not commit any offence during the period of bail.

vi. The petitioner shall furnish all relevant documents, if any, to the investigating agency for expeditious completion of the investigation.

7. In case of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to seek cancellation of bail.

8. It is made clear that the observations in this order are only for the purpose of deciding the bail application and shall not be construed as an expression of opinion on the merits of the case.

9. Accordingly, all the Criminal Petitions are allowed.

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SD/- S.SHYAMALA
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
For, SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Judicial First Class Magistrate for trial of cases relating to Red Sanders Smuggling, Tirupathi.
2. The Superintendent, Sub Jail, Tirupathi.
3. The SHO, Nandalur Police Station, Annamayya District
4. The SHO, Mannur Police Station, Annamayya District.
5. One CC to SRI. D PURNACHANDRA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CC's to Public Prosecutor, High Court of AP at Amaravati. [OUT]
7. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED: 29/04/2026

ORDER

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