

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

MONDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX



:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3468 OF 2026

Between:

Puliga Vijaya Raj, S/o Satheesh, Aged 19 years, R/o 3-45, Near Vivekananda Street, Anaparthi Village and Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

...Petitioner/Accused No.2

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Represented by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, High Court Buildings at Nelapadu, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh. Through SHO, Mampa Police Station, Alluri Sitharamaraju District

... Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the memorandum of grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to grant bail to the Petitioner/Accused No. 2 in connection with Crime No. 3/2026 dated 16.02.2026 on the file of the SHO, Mampa Police Station, Alluri Sitharajaraju District, Andhra Pradesh.

The Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the memorandum of grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of SRI CHETAN PONNURU Advocate for the Petitioner, and of PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, for the Respondent, the Court made the following

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3468/2026****ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 480 and 483 of the BNSS, has been filed by the Petitioner herein/Accused No.2, seeking regular bail, in Crime No. 3/2026 dated 16.02.2026 on the file of the SHO, Mampa Police Station, Alluri Sitharajaraju District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(C) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short "NDPS Act").

2. As per the case of the prosecution, on 16.02.2026, this petitioner along with other accused was caught red handed while they were carrying 2.215 Kgs of Ganja.

3. Heard Sri Chetan Ponnur, 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 17.02.2026. The contraband involved in the present crime is of 2.215 Kgs of Ganja, which is a non-commercial quantity. 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 2.215 Kgs of Ganja. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would further submit that if the petitioner is released on bail at this stage, there is a strong likelihood that he may abscond, thereby hampering the ongoing investigation and evading the process of law. In view of the foregoing, it is urged that the petition be dismissed.

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 17.02.2026, the fact that the contraband involved in the present crime is only 2.215 Kgs of Ganja, that the statutory period is over and no report has been filed before the Special Court by the prosecution, this Court is inclined to enlarge the petitioner/accused No.1 on bail with the following conditions;

- i. The petitioner/accused No.2, 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 I Additional District and Sessions Judge-Special Judge for Trial of offences under NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam.

- ii. The petitioner/accused No.2, shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required and shall cooperate with further investigation, if any.
 - iii. The petitioner/accused No.2, shall not directly or indirectly tamper with evidence nor influence, intimidate, or induce any prosecution witness.
 - iv. The petitioner/accused No.2, shall appear before the Station House Officer, concerned, once in a week i.e., on every Sunday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. till filing of charge sheet.
 - v. The petitioner/accused No.2, shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
 - vi. The petitioner/accused No.2, 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.

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SD/- U.SRIDEVI
DEPUTY REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The I Additional District & Sessions Judge-Special Judge for Trial of offences under NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam.
2. The Superintendent, Central Jail, Visakhapatnam.
3. The Station House Officer, Mampa Police Station, Alluri Sitharamaraju District
4. One CC to SRI CHETAN PONNURU, Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
6. **One spare copy**

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HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED:04/05/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

