

IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

FRIDAY ,THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3773 OF 2026



Between:

Pallabathula Ravi Kumar, S/o Late Ramana Murthy, Aged 33 years, Occ:
Coolie cum Driver, R/o HNo 3-926, C-Block, Namavaram, Satellite City,
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.

...Petitioner/A5

AND

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

...Respondent

Petition under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik
Suraksha Sanhita 2023 praying that in the circumstances stated in the
affidavit filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be
pleased to enlarge the petitioner/A5 on bail in connection with FIR No: 46 of
2025 dated 19.09.2025 on the file of Maredumilli Police Station, Alluri
Sitarama Raju District .

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.M SOLOMON RAJU Advocate for the Petitioner, PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR for the Respondent and the Court made the following,

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition, under Sections 480 and 483 of the BNSS, has been filed by the petitioner herein/Accused No.5, seeking regular bail, in Crime No.46 of 2025 of Maredumilli Police Station, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 8 (c) r/w 20(b)(ii)(C) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (for short "NDPS Act").

2. The brief facts of the case are that this is a case of illegal possession and transportation of Ganja by violating Narcotic drugs and Psychotropic substance Act, 1986 that occurred on 19.09.2025 at about 8.00 a.m., the Sub-Inspector of Police, Maredumili Police Station, at village outskirts, Madduluru Village of Maredumilli Mandal, while conducting raid caught A.3 to A.5 while they were in possession and transporting of 40 KGs of Ganja on Maruthi NExa Fronx car bearing No.T/R.No.TO825 AP 3282BE and Hyndai Santro Car bearing No. UK 07 AR 7633, then he apprehended A.3 to A.5 and seized the said Ganja, vehicles, mobile phones from their possession under cover of mediators' report.

3. Heard Sri M.Solmon Raj, learned counsel for the petitioner/Accused No.5 and Ms.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing on behalf of the State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present crime and is in no way connected with the commission of the alleged offence. It is further submitted that the petitioner neither drove the car nor transported the ganja, and that, at the instance of influential persons, he has been falsely implicated in the case. Learned counsel also submits that the petitioner is a chronic patient suffering from abdominal ailments and diabetes and is undergoing constant medical treatment. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 19.09.2025. Though the contraband allegedly involved in the present crime is 40 kilograms of ganja, which constitutes a commercial quantity, the statutory period has expired and no charge sheet has been filed till date. It is also submitted 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 40 Kgs of Ganja, which is a commercial quantity. If the petitioner is released on bail it is very difficult to secure his presence. Hence prays to dismiss the petition.

6. Considering the submissions made and upon keen perusal of the material placed, and in the light of the fact that the investigation is completed, statutory period is also completed and no other incriminating material has been placed before this Court against the petitioner/Accused No.5, this Court

is inclined to enlarge the petitioner/Accused No.5 on bail, subject to the following conditions;

- i. The petitioner/Accused No.5 shall execute a 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 – cum – Special Judge for trial of offences under NDPS Act, Rajamahendravaram.
 - ii. The petitioner/Accused No.5 shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when required and shall cooperate with further investigation, if any.
 - iii. The petitioner/Accused No.5 shall not directly or indirectly tamper with evidence nor influence, intimidate, or induce any prosecution witness.
 - iv. The petitioner/Accused No.5 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 cognizance is taken by the Trial Court.
 - v. The petitioner/Accused No.5 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence in future.
 - vi. The petitioner/Accused No.5 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.

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SD/- Y.SRINIVASU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
NB
SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Anaparthi.
2. The Ist Additional District and Sessions Judge-Cum-Special Judge for Trial of offences Under NDPS Act, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari district.
3. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari district.
4. The Station House Officer, Maredumilli Police Station, Alluri Sitarama Raju District .
5. One CC to SRI. M SOLOMON RAJU Advocate [OPUC]
6. Two CC to SRI. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of A.P., Amaravati [OUT]
7. One spare copy

HIGH COURT

DR.VJPJ

DATED:08.05.2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

