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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: 3816 OF 2026

Between:

1. K Aruna, W/o. Kesari Prasad Reddy, age 39 years R/o. 4-109 Reddy
gari Bazar Pallamalli , Chimakurthi, Prakasam District

Petitioner/Accused No.21

AND

1. The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by Public Prosecutor High Court of
A.P. at Amaravati.

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, 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/Accused No.21 on bail in the event of arrest in connection with the Crime No. 45 of 2022 dated 17.02.2022 on the file of Singarayakonda Police Station, Prakasam District.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri MARELLA RADHA 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

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ORDER:

The Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'the BNSS'), by the Petitioner/Accused No.21 seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.45/2022 of Singarayakonda Police Station, Prakasham District, registered for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 143, 464, 465, 467, 471 and 420 read with 149 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for short 'the IPC'), Section 66 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (for short 'the IT Act'), Section 21 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulations) Act, 1957 (for short 'the MMDR Act') and Rule 26 of the Andhra Pradesh Minor Mineral Conservation Rules, 1966.

2. Case of the prosecution is that on 15.02.2022, at 04:35 hours, accused No.1/Kodali Srinu, alleged to be the principal organizer, along with other unidentified individuals, was found unlawfully transporting granite blockson National Highway 16, specifically at the Emergency Landing Area near Kanumalla Cross Road, Singarayakonda Village. The granite blocks were being conveyed in four lorries bearing registration numbers TN04AU2961, TN 47 S 3990, TN 05 AS 3523, and TN 20 BM 3765. Said transportation was carried out without obtaining the requisite permits or licenses from the competent authority and without payment of the applicable statutory taxes, thereby causing wrongful loss to the Government and amounting to an act of cheating and evasion. It is further alleged that the complainant, N. Obula

Reddy, Assistant Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole, upon intercepting the vehicles and verifying the absence of legal documentation, seized the granite blocks along with the lorries involved. Subsequently, on 17.02.2022 at 18:00 hours, he lodged a formal complaint at the jurisdictional police station, seeking initiation of legal proceedings against the accused.

3. Heard Sri Karthik Shah, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mrs.K.Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the respondent/State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in the present case and has not committed any offence as alleged. Learned counsel would further submit that this Court had already granted anticipatory to Nos.19 and 22. It is further submitted that the petitioner herein is also on the same footing. The petitioner is willing to abide by any condition that may be imposed by this Court for grant of anticipatory bail.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and would submit that the Court may pass appropriate Orders.

6. Having regard to the submissions made and on considering the material on record, this Court finds that the petitioner/A.21 is similarly placed to Accused Nos.19 and 22, who has already been granted anticipatory bail. No distinguishing circumstances are brought to the notice of this Court to take a different view. In such circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the conditions.

7. In the result, this Criminal petition is allowed with the following conditions:

i) In the event of his arrest, the petitioner/accused No.21 shall be enlarged on bail, on execution of a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand Only), with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the arresting police officials;

ii) The petitioner/Accused No.21 shall make himself available for investigation as and when required.

iii) The petitioner/Accused No.21 shall not cause any threat, inducement or promise to the prosecution witnesses;

iv) The petitioner/Accused No.21 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 the charge-sheet.

v) The Petitioner/Accused No.21 shall not leave the district limits without the express permission from the Station House Officer concerned.

vi) The petitioner/Accused No.21 shall surrender his passport, if any to the investigating officer. If he claims that he does not have passport, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Investigating Officer.

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SD/- R.SRINIVASA RAO
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

F SECTION OFFICER

To,

To,

1. The Station House Officer, Singarayakonda Police Station, Prakasam District.
2. One CC to SRI. MARELLA RADHA Advocate [OPUC]
3. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of Andhra Pradesh [OUT]
4. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

DR.VJPJ

DATED:08/05/2026

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ORDER

CRLP.No.3816 of 2026

ALLOWED

