

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: 4188 OF 2026



Between:

1. Killo Nageswara Rao, S/o. Chinnabbai, aged about 30 years, R/o. Kappagondi Village, Balapam Panchayat, Chinthapalli Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, A.P.
2. Palika Raja Shekhar, S/o. Gallu, aged about 45 years, R/o. Kappagondi Village, Balapam Panchayat, Chinthapalli Mandal, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, A.P.

...Petitioners/Accused No.1, 4

AND

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

...Respondent

Petition under Sections 437 & 439 of Cr.P.C/ 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 enlarge the Petitioners/Accused No.1, 4 on bail pending disposal of Crime No.33/2025 of G.K. Veedhi P.S., Alluri Sitharama 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 BALABHADRUNI MANOHAR Advocate for the Petitioners, and of PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, for the Respondent, the Court made the following

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4188 of 2026****Order:**

The Criminal Petition under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), has been filed by the petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 4, seeking regular bail in connection with Crime No.33 of 2025 of Gudemkothaveedi Police Station, Alluri Sitharama Raju District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C), 25 read 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

2. Case of the prosecution, in brief is that on 05.11.2025, on credible information regarding illegal transportation of Ganja, the SI of Police, GK Veedhi PS along with his staff, proceeded to the hill turn near Rinthada Junction, Rinthada Village, G.K.Veedhi Mandal, ASR District, and at around 17.20 hours found Accused Nos.1 to 4 in possession of 28.100 KGs of Ganja packed in two white plastic bags. Accused No.5 is absconding. The contraband along with other material was seized under the cover of mediators report and accused were remanded to judicial custody.

3. Heard Sri Balabhadruni Manohar, learned counsel for the petitioners and Ms. K. Priyanka Lakshmi, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the respondent/State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners were arrested on 05.11.2025 and since then they are in jail. The statutory period of

180 days has been completed. It is further submitted that Crl.M.P.No.369/2026 filed the prosecution seeking of extension of time for investigation was dismissed on 05.05.2026. Hence, prays to enlarge the petitioners on bail.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit too concedes with the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners and prays to pass appropriate orders.

6. Considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor and upon perusal of the material on record, and having regard to the fact that statutory period of 180 days has been completed and petition filed for extension of time for further investigation was dismissed, the petitioners are entitled for default bail and this Court is inclined to allow the petition, subject to the following conditions:

i) The petitioners/Accused Nos.1 and 4 shall be released on bail on each of them executing a personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge for Trial of Offences under NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam, Visakhapatnam.

ii) On release, the petitioners shall appear before the Station House Officer, concerned, once in a week i.e., on every Sunday between 10.30 a.m. and 05.00 p.m., till filing of the charge sheet.

vi) The petitioners shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency as and when they are called for investigation purpose.

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

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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 Prison, Visakhapatnam
3. The Station House Officer, G.K Veedhi Police Station, Alluri Sitharama Raju District
4. One CC to SRI. BALABHADRUNI MANOHAR 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:08/05/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

