

APHC010285242026



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI
(Special Original Jurisdiction)**

[3520]

THURSDAY, THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4589/2026

Between:

1. BILLAKURTHI SANDEEP KUMAR, S/O AMNA KUMAR, AGED 23 YEARS, R/O D.NO. 10-6-43, PILLA VARI STREET, WARD NO. 14, NEAR AMAL COLLEGE, ANAKAPALLI TOWN DISTRICT.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

1. THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court of Judicature of Andhra Pradesh at Amaravati

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 437/438/439/482 of Cr.P.C and 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court pleased to release the Petitioner/Accused. No. 1 on bail in Crime No. 10 of 2026, on the file of the Steel Plant Police Station, Visakhapatnam

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

1. DASARI RAMAKOTESWAR RAO

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA**CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4589/2026****ORDER:**

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.1 on bail in Crime No.10 of 2026 of Steel Plant Police Station, Visakhapatnam, registered for the offence punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) read with 8(c), 27(b) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity, "the NDPS Act").

2. Heard Sri D.Ramkoteswar Rao, learned Counsel for the petitioner/Accused No.1 and learned Assistant Public Prosecutor representing the respondent-State.

3. Case of the prosecution, in brief, is that on 09.03.2026 at about 08:00 a.m., on the Old Kanithi Sivalayam Road, the petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.03.2026 on the allegation that the petitioner, along with other accused, was found in illegal possession and transportation of ganja weighing 2.4 kgs in packets.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been in jail for more than 95 days and the charge sheet has not yet been filed; as such, he deserves for grant of statutory bail. Further, criminal antecedents are also not referred to.

5. Learned Public Prosecutor would submit that there are criminal antecedents against Accused No.1 and another accused.

6. However, upon considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and as the statutory period of 60 days has been completed and the charge sheet has not yet been filed, prayer of the petitioner for bail is found convincing, and the petitioner is entitled to be released on bail on the following conditions.

i. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall be enlarged on bail on each of them executing bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam.

ii. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned on the first Monday of every month until filing of the charge sheet.

iii. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any police officer or tamper with the prosecution evidence.

iv. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not indulge in similar acts of crime.

v. The petitioner/Accused No.1 and his sureties shall furnish their permanent residential address details and identity particulars to the concerned police and keep the Police informed about the change in address, if any, time to time.

vi. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall furnish details of his passport, if any, along with copies thereof. The police are at liberty to monitor the travel of the petitioner and, if necessary, move appropriate applications before the competent authority for impounding the passport in accordance with law.

vii. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not interfere with the investigation and scrupulously comply with the above conditions.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications pending, if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA

Date:11.06.2026
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