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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
THURSDAY ,THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JUNE

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4666 OF 2026

Between:

Asanala Veerayya, ,S/o. Tathayyalu, aged about 30 years,R/o. Mandala Colony, Swathanthra Nagar, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam City, Visakhapatnam District, A.P.

Petitioner/Accused No.1

AND

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

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 437 & 439 of Cr.P.C, (New Sections 480 & 483 of BNSS, 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/Accused No.1 on bail pending disposal of Crime No.55/2026 of Gajuwaka P.S., Visakhapatnam District

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONER : **SRI. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO**

COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENT : **PUBLIC PROSECUTOR**

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ORDER

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE A. HARI HARANADHA SARMA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 4666/2026ORDER:

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.55 of 2026 of Gajuwaka Police Station, Visakhapatnam Commissionerate, registered for the offence punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(C), 28, 29(1) read with 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for brevity, "the NDPS Act").

2. Heard Sri G. Maheswara 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 20.02.2026 at about 09.30 a.m, at the Y-Junction, Gajuwaka, the petitioner along with others were found in possession of and transporting 2 KGs of Ganja. He has habit of consuming ganja. The petitioner was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 20.02.2026 and since then he is in jail.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the bail application filed by the petitioner for grant of bail before the learned XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge, Gajuwaka, was dismissed on 27.05.2026 on the ground that investigation is still pending and accused Nos.2 and 3 are yet to be apprehended. He further submits that the statutory period of 60 days has been



completed, however, the charge sheet is not yet filed, and the quantity of ganja allegedly seized is 2 KGs which is a non-commercial quantity. Therefore, the petitioner who has been in judicial custody beyond the statutory period is entitled to be released on bail.

5. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit that there are no criminal antecedents against the petitioner and the only objection of the learned Public Prosecutor is that the other accused are yet to be arrested.

6. Upon considering the factual scenario, the prayer of petitioner for grant of bail found convincing, however, 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 XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge, Gajuwaka.

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 application 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.

SD/- P.SIVA SITA RAMA KUMAR
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

1. The XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge, Gajuwaka
Visakhapatnam District
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam
3. The Station House officer, Gajuwaka P.S., Visakhapatnam District.
4. One CC to SRI. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO Advocate [OPUC]
5. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of A.P[OUT]
6. **One spare copy**

HIGH COURT

AHHS,J

DATED:11/06/2026

BAIL ORDER

CRLP.No.4666 of 2026

ALLOWED

