



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

[3396]

WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

**THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA
CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8826/2025**

Between:

1. MANTOSH SAH, S/O. SIVA PRASAD SAH, AGED ABOUT 38 YEARS, R/O. NH-77, HARIHARA PUR, SHANKAR AZ RAKBE URT, RAJAULI POST, VAISHALI DISTRICT, BIHAR STATE.
2. ASHA DEVI, W/O. MANTOSH, AGED ABOUT 35 YEARS, R/O. NH-77, HARIHARA PUR, SHANKAR AZ RAKBE URT, RAJAULI POST, VAISHALI DISTRICT, BIHAR STATE.
3. ANITA DEVI, W/O. RAMPPRAVESH SAH, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, R/O. WARD NO.6, DUMRI VILLAGE AND POST, BEGUSARAI DISTRICT, BIHAR STATE
4. BIMA DEVI, W/O. RAKESH SINGH, AGED ABOUT 40 YEARS, R/O. SIKARI VILLAGE, MUKAMA POST, PATNA DISTRICT, BIHAR STATE.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

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

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

IA NO: 1 OF 2025

Petition under Section 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 may be pleased to pass an order by Modifying the order in CRLP No.8826/2025 dated 31.10.2025 to the extent of "The Superintendent, District Jail, Srikakulam shall release the Petitioners, subject to each of them executing a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for the like sum" instead of "The Superintendent, Central Jail, Visakhapatnam shall release the Petitioners, subject to each of them executing a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for the like sum" and pass

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused(S):

1. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

1. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:**ORDER:**

This Criminal Petition under Sections 480 and 482 of BNSS, 2023, seeking to enlarge the Petitioners/A.1 to A.4 on bail in connection with Crime No.225 of 2025 on the file of Kasibugga Police Station, which is registered for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b)(ii)(C) read with 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners have been in jail since 14.07.2025 and the statutory period of 180 days has elapsed. The prosecution has not filed any petition before the concerned Magistrate seeking extension of time for completing investigation. In view of Section 187 BNSS, the petitioners are entitled to be released on statutory bail.

On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor would submit could not get correct details regarding the case, in the morning session. In such event, this Court directed the Investigating Officer to appear before this court.

As directed, Sri Y.Ramakrishna, Inspector of Police, Kasibugga Police Station appeared through video conferencing virtual mode and submitted that the statutory period of 180 days for filing the charge sheet is completed and the Police could not file charge sheet within the time and he has not filed any petition seeking extension of time for completion of investigation.

Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, Ms. K.Priyanka Lakshmi, concurred with the submission made by the Inspector of Police and would submit that necessary direction may be given to the concerned Station House Officer.

Considering the submissions made, this Criminal Petition is allowed. The Petitioners/A.1 to A.4 shall be released on regular bail with the following conditions:

- a) Petitioners shall execute a personal bond for Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) each with two sureties each for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Trial Court.
- b) Petitioner shall appear before the SHO, Kasibugga Police Station, once in a week i.e. on every Saturday between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. until further orders.
- c) Petitioner shall appear before the investigating officer and whenever required till completion of investigation and shall co-operate with the investigating agency.
- d) Petitioner shall deposit his passport, if any, before the Special Court. He shall not leave the country without permission of the Court.

Pending applications, if any, shall stands closed.

Dr.JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

04.02.2026

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