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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI

WEDNESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 8826 OF 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. Rampravesah Sah, aged about 40 years, R/o. Ward No.6, Dumri Village and Post, Begusarai District, Bihar State
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**Petitioner/Accused No. 1 to 4**

**AND**

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

**Respondent**

The petition/Appeal coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the affidavit filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri. GOLLAPALLI MAHESWARA RAO Advocate for the Petitioner(s), PUBLIC PROSECUTOR Advocate for the Respondent and the Court made the following.

**ORDER**

**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 stand closed.

SD/- T. SRINIVASA RAO  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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For

To,

1. The Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Palasa, I/c Sompeta, Srikakulam District.
2. The Superintendent of Central Jail, Visakhapatnam District.
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**DR.VJPJ**

**DATED:04/02/2026**

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