

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD**

THURSDAY, THE SECOND DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 3265 OF 2026

Between:

M. Venkata Krishna Rao,, S/o Pochaiah, Aged 44 years, Occ Managing Director, M/s PNM Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd., Situated at Sy.No. 296/777, Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Mutrajpalli Post, Medak District

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.3

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court, Hyderabad.
2. Station House Officer,, P.S Cyberabad Narcotics, PS, TG Anti Narcotic, Bureau, Hyderabad

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 528 & 497 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to quash the order dt 23/02/2026 passed in CRL.M.P.No. 25 of 2026 in CRIME.NO. 10 OF 2025 on file of the 1st Addl. District and Sessions Judge-cum-Addl. Family court Judge, Medchal - Malkajiri at Kushaiguda, and to grant interim custody to petitioner to reopen and run the factory M/s PNM Life Science Pvt Ltd Pvt Ltd. And its Machinery in SY.no. 296/777, Bollaram, Jinnaram Mandal, Mutrajpalli Post, Medak dist pending trial and enquiry in Crime No. 10 of 2025 on the file of Cyberabad Narcotics Police Station, on such conditions or conditions as this Honble court may deems fit and proper, in the circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri S GANESH , Advocate for the Petitioner and the Mr V.Jithender Rao Addl Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent No1 and 2.

The Court made the following: ORDER

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3265 of 2026

Dated: 02.04.2026

Between:

M.Venkata Krishna Rao

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court Hyderabad and another

...Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed aggrieved by the order, dated 23.02.2026 passed in CrI.M.P.No.25 of 2026 in Crime No.10 of 2025 by the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge-Cum-Additional Family Court Judge, Medchal-Malkajgiri at Kushaiguda, where under the application filed by the petitioner seeking direction to re-open his factory, was dismissed.

2. Heard Mr.S.Ganesh, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.Jithendar Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondents.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner factory namely M/s.PNM Life Sciences Private Limited was seized on 09.10.2025 in connection with Crime No.10 of 2025 on the alleged ground that the contraband of 225 Kgs of Ephedrine was seized from the possession of accused No.1, though the petitioner has not committed any offence. The alleged contraband does not come within the NDPS Act, as it was seized from the possession of accused No.1. There is no coercion between the petitioner and other accused. Learned trial Court without properly considering the contentions of the petitioner dismissed the application erroneously. He further submits that the petitioner company is having more than 50 employees. Unless the factory is permitted to be reopened, the petitioner and its employees will be put to great hardship. He further submits that the entire investigation has been completed and continued seizure of the factory would serve no useful purpose. The petitioner undertakes to cooperate with the investigation and also abide by the conditions which are to be imposed by this Court.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that that there is a clear conspiracy between the petitioner and other accused and huge contraband was seized from the possession of accused No.1. The investigation is under progress. The trial Court, after giving cogent reasons, has rightly dismissed the application. At this juncture, the petitioner is not

entitled to seek to reopen of the factory and the criminal petition filed by the petitioner is liable to be dismissed.

5. Having considered the submissions made by the respective parties and after perusal of the material available on record, it is not in dispute that the petitioner is arrayed as accused No.3 in Crime No.10 of 2025 and the petitioner factory was seized through seizure panchanama dated 09.10.2025. Though the petitioner raised the grounds that contraband was seized in Crime No.10 of 2025, it does not attract the ingredients for the offences under Section 8(c), 9A, 21(c), 25, 25A, 27A, 29 of NDPS Act, 1985 and there is no conspiracy between the petitioner and other accused. The contraband was seized neither from the possession of accused No.3 nor from the factory. Hence, this Court is not inclined to deal with the said ground that the nature of application filed by the petitioner seeking permission to reopen the factory, the petitioner specifically pleaded that the petitioner factory having more than 50 employees the petitioner factory was seized on 01.10.2025.

6. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant permission to re-open the factory namely M/s.PNM Life Sciences Private Limited subject to the condition that the petitioner/accused No.3 shall execute a personal bond of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees five lakhs only) with two sureties to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and Sessions-Cum-Additional Family Court Judge,

Medchal-Malkajgiri District at Hyderabad. The petitioner shall file an undertaking that he will cooperate with the investigation and also permit the Investigating agency to conduct investigation in the premises of the factory whenever is required and petitioner shall not alienate, create any third party rights in respect of factory premises or equipments which are lying in the factory till conclusion of investigation and also without obtaining permission of the trial Court.

7. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

SD/- K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
SECTION OFFICER

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To,

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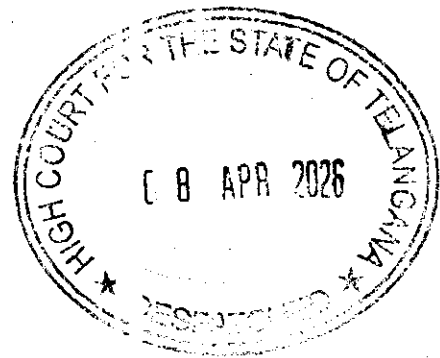
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HIGH COURT

CC - TODAY

DATED: 02/04/2026



ORDER

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DISPOSING OF THE CRLP

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