

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

WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 6837 OF 2026

Between:

Panda Stevehanas, S/o P. Vidyasagar, Aged 24 years, Occ. Private Employee, R/o.
Plot. No. 75, S.Enclave High Tension Road, A.S. Rao Nagar, Medchal-Malkajgiri District

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.3

AND

The State of Telangana, Through SHO, Kushaiguda Police Station,, Rep. by its Public
Prosecutor, High Court for the State of Telangana at Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENT

Petition under Section 480&483 of Cr.P.C praying that in the circumstances stated in
the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to
release the Petitioner/Accused No.3 on bail in connection with Crime No. 990 of 2025
on the file of Kushaiguda Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Medchal-
Malkajgiri District.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of
Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Bobbala Srinivas, Advocate for
the Petitioner and the Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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CRIMINAL PETITION No.6837 OF 2026

DATE : 06.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Panda Stevehanas

.... Petitioner/A.3

AND

The State of Telangana

.... Respondent

: ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.3 in Crime No.990 of 2026 of Kushaiguda Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Medchal Malkajgiri District. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8(c) r/w.20(c), 27B of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The facts of the case are that on 22.12.2025 at about 12:00 hours, Sri B. Srinivas, Sub-Inspector of Police,

Kushaiguda Police Station, received credible information that two persons aged about 25-30 years would come near Coffee Cup Shop, Sainikpuri, between 14:00 and 14:30 hours to sell LSD blots. Acting on the said information, the police team, along with mediators and the Clues Team, reached the spot and apprehended four persons. During the search conducted in the presence of a Gazetted Officer, 12 multi-coloured LSD blots weighing 0.2 grams were recovered from the pant pocket of Accused No.1, Muniyadi Sathish Kumar @ Steev. The other accused persons, including the petitioner/Accused No.3, Panda Stevehans, were also apprehended, and their mobile phones were seized. Based on the above, a case was registered against the accused for the above offences.

3. Heard Sri B. Srinivas, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent - State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the entire contraband was recovered only from A.1 and no recovery was made from the petitioner. There is no material to show that the petitioner had knowledge of the contraband. Even as per the prosecution case, the petitioner was only accompanying A.1 and had no active role in the alleged offence.

It is contended that the petitioner has been falsely implicated merely on the ground of association with A.1 and was illegally arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.12.2025, where he remains till date. The learned counsel further submits that the panchanama is doubtful and appears to have been created to falsely implicate the petitioner, and that proper procedure was not followed. It is also submitted that the petitioner is a permanent resident of Hyderabad, a B.Tech graduate, and employed with Tech Mahindra, and comes from a respectable family of government employees. The allegation that he accompanied A.1 for Rs.500/- is baseless and fabricated. The petitioner undertakes to furnish sureties, abide by any conditions imposed by the Court and prayed this Court to grant regular bail to him.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail contending that the recovery of LSD blots was from A.1 and the confessional statements of co-accused clearly establish the involvement of petitioner in the drug transaction. However, in view of rigor of Section 37 of NDPS Act, petitioner is not entitled to bail and prayed to dismiss this petition.

6. Considering the rival submissions and the material available on record, this is the second bail application and the earlier bail application was dismissed on merits. In the present application, no new or changed circumstances have been placed before this Court warranting reconsideration of the earlier order. The allegations against the petitioner relate to possession of commercial quantity of contraband, attracting the rigor of Section 37 of the NDPS Act. Hence, this court is not inclined to grant regular bail to the petitioner and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

SD/-K BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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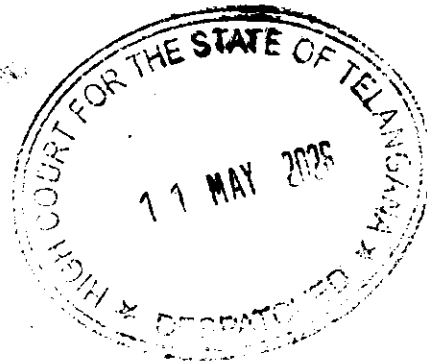
To,

1. The II Additional Junior Civil Judge-Cum-II Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Medchal Malkajgiri District at Kushaiguda
2. The Superintendent, Central Prison, Cherlapally, Medchal Malkajgiri District
3. The Station House Officer, Kushaiguda Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate.
4. One CC to Sri Bobbala Srinivas ,Advocate (OPUC)
5. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana (OUT)
6. Two CD Copies

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HIGH COURT

DATED: 06/05/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.6837 of 2026

Dismissing the Crl.P.

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