

**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 SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7596 OF 2026

Between:

Pankaj Haldar, S/o Nagen Haldar Age 56 years, Occ: Driver R/o MV 23,
Mariwada, Balakati, Malkajgiri, Odisha State

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana, rep. by its Public Prosecutor, High Court at
Hyderabad.

...Respondent

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS r/w 457 Cr.P.C. praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to set aside the order dated 21.04.2026 passed in CrI.M.P. No. 104/2026 in SC NDPS case No.33/2025 by the I Additional District and session Judge, Ranga Reddy District at L.B Nagar, and consequently grant interim custody of the Motor Car Maruti Suzuki Bearing No. OD10R1966 to the petitioner, on such terms and conditions as this court deems fit and proper in the circumstances of the case.

I.A. NO: 2 OF 2026

Petition under Section 528 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased direct release of the Motor Car Maruti Suzuki bearing No. OD10R1966 to the petitioner on interim custody.



This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri Mohd Fayaz, representing Sri Reddamaina Thirupathi, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, the Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

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.7596 of 2026

Date: 06.05.2026

Between:

Pankaj Halдар

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana

...Respondents

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed aggrieved by the order passed by the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Rangareddy District at L.B. Nagar in CrI.M.P.No.104 of 2026 in SC NDSC No.33 of 2025, dismissing the application filed by the petitioner for seeking interim custody of the petitioner vehicle i.e., Motor Car Maruti Suzuki bearing No.OD10R1966.

2. Heard Mr.Mohd. Fayaz, learned counsel representing Mr.R. Tirupathi, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr.Veeramalla Jithendar Rao, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the Maruti Suzuki Car bearing No.OD10R1966 and the said vehicle was seized by the Abdullapurmet police station, Rachakonda Commissionerate in connection with crime No.362 of 2024 on the alleged ground that accused No.2 was transporting 27 kgs of dry ganja in the said vehicle. The petitioner is not an accused in the said crime, and he has not committed any offence. He further submitted that petitioner being the owner, filed an application before the learned trial Court seeking interim custody of the vehicle. The learned trial Court without properly considering the averments made in support of the application erroneously dismissed the said application on 21.04.2026 and the vehicle has been in the custody of the SHO Abdullapurmet Police Station since 04.07.2024.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that the petitioner has been using the vehicle for personal use. Unless the said vehicle is released, the petitioner will be put to great hardship. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by any conditions that may be imposed by this Court and, therefore, requested this Court to release the said vehicle.

5. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner is not entitled to seek interim custody of the vehicle till the disposal of the proceedings in SC NDSC No.33 of 2025 and learned trial Court rightly dismissed the application.

6. Having considered the rival submissions made by the respective parties and upon perusal of the record, it reveals that the petitioner's vehicle was seized in respect of Crime No.362 of 2024 and since then, the vehicle was kept under the custody of Abdullapurmet Police Station. Even according to the prosecution, the petitioner is not an accused in the said crime.

7. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the impugned order passed by the learned trial Court dated 21.04.2026 in CrI.M.P.No.104 of 2026 in SC NDSC No.33 of 2025 is set aside and this Court is inclined to grant interim custody of the petitioner's vehicle namely Motor Car Maruti Suzuki bearing No.OD10R1966 subject to the condition that the petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Rangareddy District at L.B. Nagar and also furnish an undertaking that he shall not alienate the vehicle and

shall not change its physical features, till the disposal of the proceedings, and he shall also produce the vehicle as and when required. The Station House Officer, Abdullapurmet Police Station shall write to the RTA authority not to transfer the vehicle in favour of any third party till the disposal of proceedings in SC NDSC No.33 of 2025.

8. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

**SD/- P C SULEKHA DEVI,
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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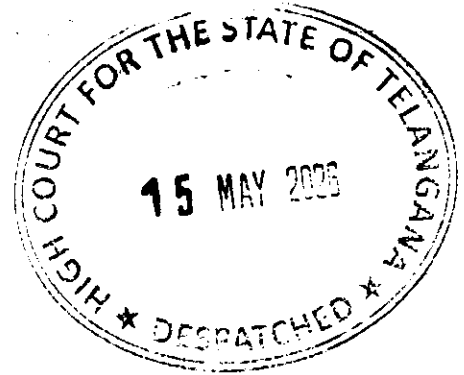
1. The I Additional District and session Judge, Ranga Reddy District at L.B Nagar.
2. The Station House Officer, Abdullapurmet Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Abdullapurmet.
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 06/05/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.7596 of 2026

DISPOSING OF THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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