

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.10836 of 2026

DATE: 20.07.2026

Between:

K. Hemanth Reddy

.... Petitioner/Accused No.3

AND

State of Telangana,
Rep. by learned Public Prosecutor,
Telangana High Court Prohibition
& Excise Station, Gandipet.

.... Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/accused No.3 seeking enlargement on bail in connection with C.O.R.No.33 of 2026 of Prohibition and Excise Station, Shamshabad. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8(c) read with 22(b) and 8(c) read with 20(b)(ii)(A) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 18.06.2026, acting on reliable information that certain persons were illegally transporting narcotic substance, the complainant conducted an inspection and found the petitioner along with other accused in possession of 1 gram of MDMA and 730 grams of dry ganja, which was subsequently seized. Based on the same, a criminal case was registered against the petitioner for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri Goberu Venkata Chaitanya, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been in judicial custody since 19.06.2026 and that the seized contraband i.e., 1 gram of MDMA and 730 grams of dry ganja, constitutes an intermediate quantity and that the material part of the investigation has already been completed. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the grant of bail, contending that although the seized contraband falls within the category of intermediate quantity, the

investigation is still in progress. Therefore, he submitted that the question of granting bail to the petitioner at this stage does not arise and prayed this Court to dismiss the present Criminal Petition. However, he informed the Court that there are no criminal cases pending against the petitioner.

6. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is observed that the seized contraband, i.e., 1 gram of MDMA and 730 grams of dry ganja, falls under the category of intermediate quantity and the petitioner has been in judicial custody since 19.06.2026 and a substantial portion of the investigation has already been completed. Taking into account the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the quantity of contraband seized, the progress in the investigation and the period of incarceration, this Court deems it fit to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned XIII Additional District and Sessions Judge, Cyberabad, Ranga Reddy District P.S. Excise Gandipet.

- ii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Monday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).
- iv. If the petitioner is again indulged in similar criminal activity, the Investigating Officer is at liberty to file a petition for cancellation of bail.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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