

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

**MONDAY, THE TWENTY THIRD DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 12389 OF 2025

BETWEEN:

Mrs. ARUNA SINGH, W/o. Bishweshar Singh, Aged about 38 years, Occ:
Business, R/O. H.No.9-73/3, Ramarajunagar, Muthangi V, Patanchury M,
Sangareddy Dist.

**...PETITIONER
Third Party**

AND

THE STATE OF TELANGANA, Rep. by the Public Prosecutor, Through SHO PS
Gummadidala.

...RESPONDENT/RESPONDENT

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 to allow the application and grant interim custody of the Vehicle car make of SKODA bearing Reg. No. TG 15 C 2999 Engine No.DNN168642 to the petitioner, Seized vide FIR No. 231 of 2024 by setting aside the order of the Trial Court, on any terms and conditions.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Ms. B. Keerthi Reddy, learned counsel representing Sri Duvvuri Suryanarayana, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE J.SREENIVAS RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.12389 of 2025

Date: 23.03.2026

Between:

Mrs. Aruna Singh

...Petitioner

AND

The State of Telangana, Represented by the Public Prosecutor,
Through SHO, PS Gummadidala.

...Respondent

ORDER

This Criminal Petition has been filed aggrieved by the dismissal order passed by the I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy in CrI.M.P.No.778 of 2025 in Crime No.231 of 2024 of P.S. Gummadidala seeking interim custody of the petitioner's vehicle namely Skoda Car bearing registration No.TG-15-C-2999.

2. Heard Ms. B. Keerthi Reddy, learned counsel representing Mr. Duvvari Suryanarayana, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Mr. Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the respondent.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is the owner of the Skoda Car bearing registration No.TG-15-C-2999 and the said vehicle was seized by the Station House Officer, Gummadidala, in respect of Crime No.231 of 2024 on the alleged ground that accused No.1 was transporting contraband i.e., 350 grams of Alprazolam in the said vehicle. The petitioner is not an accused in the said crime, and he has not committed any offence under the provisions of Section 8(c) read with 22(C) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, "the NDPS Act"). She further submitted that the petitioner is a third party, and he filed an application seeking release of the vehicle before the learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Sangareddy. However, the trial Court, without properly considering the contentions raised by the petitioner, erroneously dismissed the said application on 11.08.2025. The vehicle has been in the custody of Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station, for the past one and half year and the petitioner is ready and willing to abide by the conditions which are going to be imposed by this Court. She also submitted that the petitioner is using the vehicle for her personal use and

unless the vehicle is released, the petitioner will be put to great hardship.

4. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner is not entitled to seek interim custody of the vehicle till disposal of the said case before the Trial Court.

5. Having considered the rival submissions made by the respective parties and after perusal of the record, it reveals that the petitioner's vehicle was seized in respect of Crime No.231 of 2024 dated 31.12.2024 and since then, the vehicle was kept under the safe custody of Police Station premises in Gummadidala Police Station. Even according to the Police, the petitioner was not an accused in the said crime.

6. Taking into consideration the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the impugned order passed by the I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy in CrI.M.P.No.778 of 2025 in Crime No.231 of 2024 is set aside and this Court is inclined to grant interim custody of the petitioner's vehicle namely Skoda Car bearing registration No.TG-15-C-2999, subject to the condition that the petitioner shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned I Additional District and

Sessions Judge at Sangareddy and also on her furnishing an undertaking that she shall not alienate the vehicle, shall not change its physical features, till the disposal of the proceedings, and she shall produce the vehicle as and when required. The Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station shall write to the RTA authority not to transfer the vehicle in favour of any third party till the disposal of Crl.M.P.No.778 of 2025 Crime No.231 of 2024 (P.S. Gummadidala) on the file of the I Additional District and Sessions Judge at Sangareddy.

7. Accordingly, the criminal petition is disposed of.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

**SD/- L.VIJAYA LAXMI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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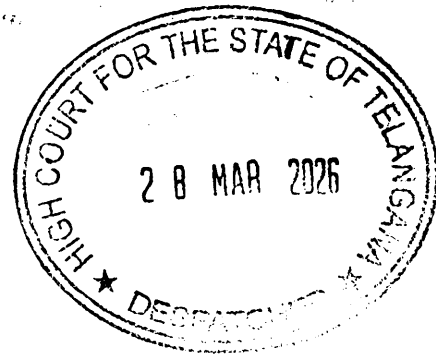
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2. The Judicial First Class-Cum-Special Mobile Magistrate Court At Sangareddy.
3. The Station House Officer, Gummadidala Police Station, Sangareddy District.
4. Two CCs to the Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad [OUT]
5. One CC to Sri Duvvuri Suryanarayana, Advocate [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

DATED: 23/03/2026



ORDER

CRLP.No.12389 of 2025

DISPOSING THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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