

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

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.14237 of 2026

(C.N.R No.HBHC010589612026)

DATED: 09.09.2026

Between:

Golla Venkat

...Petitioner- A1

And

Union of India,
Narcotics Control Bureau,
Hyd Zone Rep.bys Special
Public Prosecutor High Court
At Hyderabad.

...Respondent-complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner – A1 on bail in NCB F.No.IV/4/31/Cr.04/2026/HYD of PS Narcotics Control Bureau, Hyderabad Zone. The offences alleged against the petitioner – A1 are punishable under Sections 8 (c) read with 22 (c), 28 and 29 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short, NDPS Act').

2. Heard Sri Enuganti Sudhanshu, learned counsel for petitioner – A1 and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor, appearing for respondent – State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner – A1 never made any statement and was simply forced to sign under threat and coercion on the papers required by the respondent just before producing before the learned Magistrate for remand for the purpose of showing compliance of provisions of NDPS Act and the petitioner – A1 has not made any statement under Section 67 of the NDPS Act and such statement obtained under threat and coercion cannot be attributed to the petitioner – A1. Since 180 days have elapsed from the date of arrest, respondent has also completed investigation and filed charge sheet before the learned Sessions Court and number has to be assigned. Earlier bail application came to be dismissed on 30.06.2026 and the changed circumstances are that the respondent has filed charge sheet and prayed to enlarge the petitioner – A1 on bail.

4. Respondent has filed counter and contended that the investigation revealed that petitioner – A1 actively participated in procurement, transportation and delivery of Alprazolam. His own statement discloses previous transactions involving Alprazolam and his association with the principal accused. These circumstances establish *prima facie* involvement in a larger trafficking conspiracy. Learned Standing Counsel submits that charge sheet is filed before concerned Court and it is yet to be numbered.

5. Petitioner – A1 along with A2 – A5 have filed separate bail applications before this Court and they were tried together and by common order, dated 30.06.2026 all the applications came to be dismissed as Alprazolam allegedly seized falls under commercial quantity, charge sheet is not yet filed and rigor of Section 37 of the NDPS Act is applicable.

6. Charge sheet is filed before concerned Court, which is the changed circumstance after dismissal of the earlier bail petition, dated 30.06.2026, and S.C number is awaited.

7. In view of changed circumstances, detaining the petitioner –A1 further in judicial custody will not serve the

purpose for the prosecution. Accordingly, this Court is of the view that the petitioner – A1 is entitled for grant of bail, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner – A1 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of learned I Additional District and Sessions Judge, Medchal – Malakagiri.
- ii. The petitioner - Accused No.1 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.
- iii. The petitioner – Accused shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).
- iv. In the event of violation of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of bail.

8. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO, J

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