

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

SATURDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FIVE

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 12898 OF 2025

Between:

1. Kethepalli Manishekhar,, S/o Munishechaiah, Aged about 49 Years, Occupation. Private Employee, R/o H. No. 4/1459-2-2, Hanuman Nagar, Poddutur, Andhra Pradesh.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED(S)

AND

1. The State of Telangana,, Through Station House Officer, Excise Police Station, Hayathnagar, Rep. by its Addl. Public Prosecutor, High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANTS

Petition under Section 482 & 483 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner/Accused No.2 on bail in C.O.R. No. 53 of 2025 of Excise Police Station, Hayathnagar, Ranga Reddy District, pending before the Hon'ble 1st Addl Dist & Session Judge At L.B. Nagar Court, on such terms and conditions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case, and thus render justice.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri PORIKA VIKAS RAJ ,Advocate for the Petitioner and SRI. Arun Kumar Dodla the Addl. Public Prosecutor (TG) on behalf of the Sole Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

**THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA****CRIMINAL PETITION No.12898 of 2025****ORDER:**

This criminal petition is filed by the petitioner/A2 seeking regular bail in connection with C.O.R.No.53 of 2025 of Excise Police Station, Hayathnagar District, Ranga Reddy, on the file of I Additional District and Sessions Judge, at LB.Nagar. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Sections 8 (c) read with 22 (c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'NDPS Act').

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and A1 were in possession of huge commercial quantity of 17.91kgs of Alprazolam. The petitioner is in judicial custody since 04.06.2025.
3. Heard Sri P.Vikasraj, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri Arun Kumar Doddla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of respondent – State.
4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that the petitioner was arrested on 04.06.2025 and since then he is languishing in jail. He submitted that petitioner is



innocent of the offences as alleged and is wrongly implicated in the case. He further submitted that the petitioner has got fixed abode and is ready to furnish sureties and abide by the conditions that may be imposed by this Court and undertake to cooperate with the investigation. As such, prayed this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail on the ground that the contraband seized from the accused is a huge commercial quantity. Further the investigation is not yet completed and at this stage, if the petitioner is released on bail, it may cause hardship to the investigating agency and there are no changed circumstances from the earlier bail application. As such, prayed this Court to dismiss this bail application.

6. Having regard to the rival submissions made and on going through the material placed on record, it is noted that previously the petitioner had filed Crl.P.No.12275 of 2024 before this Court, seeking the relief of grant of regular bail and the same 'was dismissed *vide* order dated 26.09.2025 observing that '*Section 37 of the NDPS Act mandates that offences involving commercial quantities be non-bailable,*

requiring reasonable grounds to believe the accused is not guilty and unlikely to commit further offences while on bail. Given the serious set of allegations against the petitioner, this Court is not satisfied that conditions for granting bail under Section 37 are met. However, it is noticed that there are no changed circumstances back then in the earlier regular bail petition, and the present bail petition. As such, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for, by the petitioner. There are no merits in this Criminal Petition, and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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SD/-M.OSMAN ALI BAIG
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The I Addl Dist & Session Judge At L.B. Nagar Court , Ranga Reddy.
2. The Station House Officer, Excise Police Station, Hayathnagar,
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4. One CC to SRI. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR Advocate [OUT]

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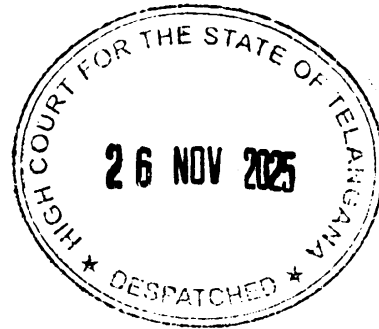
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HIGH COURT

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DATED: 28/10/2025

ORDER

DISMISSED



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