

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: 12998 OF 2025

Between:

1. Ugam Raj, S/o. Karana Ram, aged about 42 Years, R/o. Rajalaxmi Electricals, Tarchibhat, Near Old Theatre, VTC, Siolim District, Bardez, North Goa. Pin . 403517

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.49

AND

1. The State of Telangana, Rep By Public Prosecutor Through Rachakonda Narcotic PS, TG Anti-Narcotics Bureau

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANTS

Petition under Section 480 & 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 Petitioner/Accused No 49 on bail in Crime No 1/2025 registered by Rachakonda Narcotic PS, TG Anti-Narcotics Bureau for the offence punishable U/s 8c, 22(c), 27A, 27(a) and 29 NDPS Act on such terms and conditions as this Honble Court deems fit and proper

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri L HARISH ,Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri. Arun Kumar Doddla the Addl. Public Prosecutor (TG) on behalf of the Sole Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

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ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed seeking the Court to enlarge the petitioner, on bail, who is arrayed as accused No.49 in Crime No.1 of 2025 of Rachakonda Narcotics Police Station, TG Anti Narcotics Bureau.

2. The brief facts of the case are that 150 grams of cocaine and 1100 ecstasy pills were seized from accused No.1, and during further investigation, the name of the petitioner was surfaced as one of the accused involved in facilitating hawala transactions for Nigerian drug peddlers operating from Goa and Mumbai. The prosecution alleged that the petitioner, who was running an electronics shop in Goa, had assisted Accused No.25 by collecting and delivering drug proceeds through hawala channels for a commission of Rs.300 per lakh rupees.

3. Heard Sri L. Harish, 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 was innocent and falsely implicated in the case without

any direct connection to the alleged drug trade and that the petitioner was not involved in the possession, transportation, or sale of any narcotic substance, and the only allegation against him pertained to a monetary transaction, which was purely commercial and unrelated to any drug offence. He further submitted that no contraband was recovered from the petitioner, that the alleged messages on his phone did not establish any link to drug-related proceeds. 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 submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the petitioner is a drug peddler and that there are serious allegations against the petitioner. He further submitted that the investigation is in progress and if the petitioner is released on bail, at this stage, he may tamper with the evidence and may threaten the witnesses. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that an amount of Rs.3,00,000/- and twenty currency notes were received by the petitioner from accused No.24, and that he was involved in facilitating Hawala transactions linked to the

proceeds of drug sales. The record further discloses that accused No.1 is a Nigerian national allegedly engaged in drug peddling, and accused No.25 is involved in hawala operations connected to the said drug network. The petitioner is stated to have been in contact with accused No.25 for collection and transfer of the proceeds through hawala channels, and the investigation has also revealed message exchanges between accused Nos.49 and 25 corroborating such transactions. Having regard to the gravity of the allegations and the stage of investigation, this Court is of the opinion that granting bail to the petitioner at this juncture may hamper further investigation and is, therefore, not inclined to enlarge the petitioner on bail 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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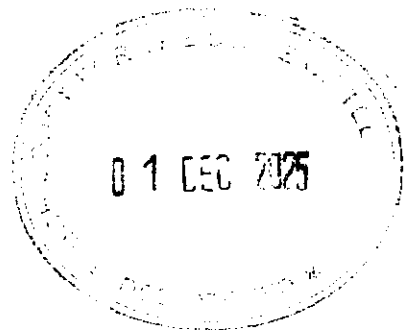
1. The Special Judicial Magistrate of First Class (Excise) cum V Addl. Metropolitan Magistrate cum V Addl. Jr. Civil Judge at L.B. Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.
2. The SHO Rachakonda Narcotics Police Station, Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau, Chirag Ali Lane, Abids, Hyderabad.
3. One CC to SRI. L HARISH Advocate [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT

DATED:25/10/2025

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