

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: 13153 OF 2025

Between:

1. Sonkavalli Naresh,, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Aged 29 years, Occ. NIL, R/o. H.No.72-3-1, Rajahmandry Urban, East Goodavari District, Andhra Pradesh State

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.3

AND

1. The State of Telangana,, The Station House Officer, Bandlaguda Police Station, Hyderabad District, rep. by its Public Prosecutor at Honble High Court at Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

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 release the Petitioner/Accused No.03 on bail in Crime No. 248 of 2025 on the file of the Bandlaguda Police Station, Hyderabad District in the interest of justice.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri GUDI SATYANARAYANA REDDY, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri Arun Kumar.D,Additional Public Prosecutor (TG/AP) on behalf of the 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.3 in Crime No.248 of 2025 of Bandlaguda Police Station, Hyderabad.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 25.07.2025 on credible information the S.I of Police, proceeded to the spot and found A.1 to A.3 near car under suspicious circumstances and they apprehended the accused and seized 25.612 kgs of Ganja and recorded their confession statement. Hence, a case was registered against the accused for the said offences.

3. Heard Sri Gudi Satyanarayana Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri D.Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner is only a passenger of the alleged car and there are no specific overt acts or allegations against the petitioner. Petitioner is in judicial custody from 25.07.2025, as such, requested this Court to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail stating that the seized contraband is 25.612 kgs of ganja which is a commercial quantity and the same is seized from the possession of all the accused who were found in the car. Now, the petitioner cannot claim that he is only a passenger of the said car and in view of rigor of Section 37 of NDPS Act, petitioner is not entitled for bail. As such, requested this Court to dismiss this petition.

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.12280 of 2025 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.

SD/- L. VIJAYA LAXMI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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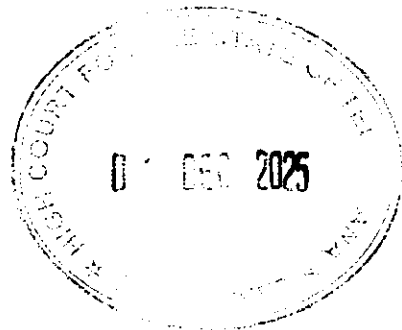
To,

1. The I Additional Sessions Judge, Hyderabad
2. The SHO Bandlaguda Police Station. Hyderabad District.
3. One CC to SRI. GUDI SATYANARAYANA REDDY Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR [OUT]
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HIGH COURT

DATED:25/10/2025



DISMISSED

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