IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

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

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15229 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010641112026)

DATE: 16.10.2026

BETWEEN:

Ramagouni Ramesh Goud

.....Petitioner-Accused No.2

And

Union of India
Rep. by the Intelligence Officer,
Narcotics Control Bureau,
Hyderabad Zonal Unit,
Hyderabad.

.....Respondent-Complainant

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner on bail who is arrayed as accused No.2 in connection with NCB.F.No.IV /4/31/Cr.No.09/2026/Hyd on the file of the Narcotics Control Bureau, Hyderabad Zonal Unit. The offences alleged against the petitioner-A2 is punishable under Section 8(c) read with Sections 21, 22(c), 28 and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

2. Heard Sri P. Vikas Raj, learned counsel for the petitioner and Sri N.Avaneesh, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner-A2 is falsely implicated in the case and he is nothing to do with the alleged offences. Petitioner-A2 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.04.2026, petitioner-A1 is enlarged on bail by this Court on 15.10.2026, the same parity may be extended to him as investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused No.2 on bail.

4. Learned Standing Counsel for the respondent on instructions submits that they have issued summons to two of the directors of M/s. SM Labs to record their statements and they have arrested two more persons on 12.08.2026.

5. Petitioner-accused No.2 along with accused No.1- Chaganti Veera Venkata Lakshmi Kumar and accused No.3-Kasani Srinivas were arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.04.2026, since then they are in jail. The panchanama dated 20.04.2026 started at 21:30 hrs which goes to show that the NCB team proceeded to the dryer room of M/s.SM Labs. Upon entering a tray dryer machine and two blue carboy drums were observed, three persons of brown complexion were found standing near the tray dryer machine. Upon enquiry, they revealed their names as (1) Chaganti Veera Venkata Laxmi Kumar (2) Kasani Srinivas and (3) Ramagouni Ramesh Goud (petitioner herein). The net weight of substance in the respective bags were found to be 34.6 kgs., and

35 kgs., total 69.6 kgs., which is commercial quantity, panchanama ended around 11:30 hrs on 21.04.2026.

6. Accused Nos.4 and 5 were arrested on 12.08.2026. G.Maheshwari W/o. accused No.4 has approached this Court and filed anticipatory bail petition No.15432 of 2026 and the same is allowed on 08.10.2026.

7. Petitioner-A2 has filed Crl.P.No.9984 of 2026 for grant of regular bail before this Court, the same came to be dismissed vide order dated 01.09.2026.

8. The change of circumstances in the investigation process is that A1- Chaganti Veera Venkata Lakshmi Kumar is enlarged on bail by this Court on 15.10.2026 vide Crl.P.No.15776 of 2026, it is observed in Para No.11 of the order that investigation is at the fag end, petitioner-A2 is in jail since 179 days and two days is left over to complete 180 days, as investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-accused No.2 further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Hence, petitioner-accused No.2 is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused No.2 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 the Principal Junior Civil Judge-cum-Principal Judicial Magistrate of

1st Class, Medchal-Malkajgiri District at Kushaiguda.

ii. The petitioner-accused No.2 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

iii. The petitioner-accused No.2 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

iv. The petitioner-accused No.2 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

v. It is made clear that if any of the above conditions are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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