IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI THURSDAY, THE TWENTY FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY THREE

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE K SURESH REDDY CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 6880 OF 2023



Parasasaikumari, D/o late SrinivasaRao, caste. Kapu, Cloth Business, R/o Thotavari Street, Santhi Nagar, Vijayawada, NTR District.

Petitioner/Accused-2

The State of AP, Rep by its Public Prosecutor High Court Buildings, High Court of A.P. at Amaravathi

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Sections 437 and 439 of Cr.P.C, praying that in the circumstances stated in the memorandum of grounds filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge/grant bail to the petitioner/accused-2 in F.I.R. in Crime no.254/2023/U/S.20 (b) (II) (A) R/w 8(c Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act-1985. Of narsipatnam Town PS of Vishakapatnam District.dt.22-06-2023 on the file of the Narsipatnam P.S. of Vishakapatnam District.

The petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Petition and the memorandum of grounds filed in support thereof and upon hearing the arguments of Sri S R DURGA PRASAD Advocate for the Petitioner and of Public Prosecutor for Respondent, the Court made the following

ORDER

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE K.SURESH REDDY CRL.P.NO.6880 OF 2023

ORDER:-

Accused No.2 in Crime No.254 of 2023 of Narsipatnam Town Police Station, Anakapalli District, filed the present criminal petition, under Sections 437 and 439 of Cr.P.C., seeking to release her on bail. The above crime was registered against the petitioner herein and others for the offences punishable under Section 20(b)(ii)(B) read with Section 8(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (for short 'the NDPS Act').

- 2. Case of the prosecution is that, on 22.06.2023, at about 8.30. a.m., on credible information, the Sub Inspector of Police, Narsipatnam Town Police Station, along with his staff and mediators, apprehended A-1 to A-3 near Chakkavari Petrol Bunk, R.T.C. Complex, Narsipatnam and seized 2 KGs of ganja from their possession. After conducting panchanama, after seizing the contraband, the Sub Inspector of Police, Narsipatnam Town Police Station, arrested all the three accused and remanded them to judicial custody subsequently.
- 3. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was arrested on 22.06.2023 and ever since she is in

judicial custody. He further contends that the contraband seized from all the three accused is only 2 KGs of ganja, which is not a commercial quantity. He further contends that though the statutory period of 60 days has been completed, the police have not filed the charge sheet, and as such, he states that the petitioner is entitled for bail.

- 4. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor, on instructions, states that the petitioner is not involved in any similar crimes previously. He also confirms the factum of non-filing of the charge sheet within the statutory period.
- 5. In that view of the matter, as the contraband seized from all the three accused is only 2 KGs of ganja and as the police have not filed the charge sheet within the statutory period, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner/Accused No.2, with certain conditions.
- (i) The petitioner herein shall be released on bail on her executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees twenty five thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Narsipatnam.
- (ii) On release, the petitioner shall appear before the Station House Officer concerned, twice in a week i.e. on every

Monday and Thursday between 10.00 a.m. and 01.00 p.m., until further orders.

- (iii) Further, the petitioner is directed not to hamper the investigation and tamper with the prosecution witnesses.
- 6. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Sd/- M. SRINIVAS ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

- The Metropolitan Sessions Judge-cum-I Additional District & Sessions Judge-special Judge for Trial of offences under NDPS Act, Visakhapatnam.
- 2. The I Additional District cum Metropolitan Sessions Judge at Visakhapatnam.
- 3. The Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate, Narsipatnam.
- 4. The SHO, Narsipatnam Police Station, Visakhapatnam District.
- 5. The Superintendent, Visakhapatnam Central Jail.
- 6. One CC to SRI. S R DURGA PRASAD Advocate [OPUC]
- 7. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, High Court of A.P[OUT]
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HIGH COURT

KSRJ

DATED:21/09/2023

BAIL ORDER

CRLP.No.6880 of 2023

ALLOWED

