

HON'BLE JUSTICE G. SRI DEVI

CRIMINAL PETITION Nos.5068 and 5080 of 2019

COMMON ORDER :

Since both these Criminal Petitions arise out of same Crime No.65 of 2019 of Cyber Crimes Police Station, Cyberabad, Ranga Reddy District, they are heard together and being disposed of by this common order.

While CrI.P.No.5068 of 2019 is filed by the petitioners, who are A.10 and A.15, CrI.P.No.5080 of 2019 is filed by the petitioners, who are A.12 and A.14, both under Section 438 of Cr.P.C. seeking anticipatory bail in Crime No.65 of 2019 of Cyber Crimes Police Station, Cyberabad, Ranga Reddy District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 468, 471, 420 of IPC and Section 66 r/w. Section 43, 66(D) of Income Tax Act.

The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused are making fraud calls on IVR platform from various unregistered mobile numbers with a specific request of balance enquiry of various accounts thereby to cause wrongful loss to the customers of ICICI Bank and reputation loss to ICICI Bank.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners/A.10, A.12, A.14 and A.15 and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent State. Perused the material on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the allegations levelled against the petitioners are all false and concocted and the petitioners are no way connected with the above crime. It is also contended that the petitioners are innocent of the alleged offences and they were falsely implicated in the above crime. It is also contended that the petitioners never involved in any crime and they are students and having family responsibilities also. It is further contended that material part of investigation has already been completed and that the petitioners are ready to abide by any of the conditions imposed by this Court and would cooperate with the investigation, if they are released on anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in connection with the aforesaid crime.

On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the relief sought in the above petitions.

A perusal of the Remand Case Diary discloses that there are specific allegations levelled against the petitioners and other accused that from 16.03.2019 to 24.03.2019, the Call Centre of ICICI Bank, located at Hyderabad, received several fake calls on IVR platform from various unregistered mobile numbers with a specific request of balance enquiry by entering Account/Debit Card number and ATM Personal Identification Number. In view of specific allegations made against the petitioners and keeping in view the gravity of

offences alleged against them, I am not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners/A.10, A.12, A.14 and A.15.

Accordingly, both these Criminal Petitions are dismissed.

As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, in these Criminal Petitions shall stand closed.

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