

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.13102 of 2025

ORDER:

The present Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to grant pre arrest bail to the petitioners who are arrayed as accused Nos.2 and 3 in Crime No.38 of 2025 before the EOW Police Station, Cyberabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420, 506 read with 34 of IPC, and Section 5 of TSPDFE Act.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the complainant, Munnangi Ravi Teja, alleged that he was introduced to Seshuwardhan Reddy, who promised to supply gold biscuits at discounted prices. The complainant paid Rs. 1.75 crore to Seshuwardhan Reddy through various modes, including bank transfers and cash, and also introduced 10 other investors, who collectively paid around Rs. 5.6 crore. However, Seshuwardhan Reddy failed to deliver the gold biscuits as promised and instead threatened the complainant and other victims when they demanded their money back. A self-cheque issued by Seshuwardhan Reddy was also dishonored. The

complainant requested legal action against Seshuvardhan Reddy and others involved.

3. Heard Sri Vemula Satyanarayana, learned counsel for petitioners, and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that earlier, a notice under Section 35 (3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (for short 'BNSS') previously known as Section 41-A of Criminal Procedure Code, and in spite of petitioner cooperating with the investigating authority, he is being threatened and is apprehending arrest. Therefore, he prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for petitioners stating that in spite of serving notice to petitioners under Section 35(3) of BNSS, they are not cooperating with the Investigating Officer and not providing the relevant documents that are required to proceed with investigation.

Therefore, while advocating that if the relief of anticipatory bail is granted to petitioners, they may hamper the investigation, prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Having regard to rival submissions made and on going through the material placed on record, it is noted that after being served with notice under Section 35(3) of BNSS, he produced bank statements showing the payments to various gold shops which makes it clear that he is willing to cooperate with the investigating authority. In view thereof, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to petitioners, subject to compliance of the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall surrender before the Station House Officer, EOW Police Station, Cyberabad, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release petitioners on bail, on their executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- each (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only), with two sureties, for the like sum each.

- ii. The petitioners shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.
- iii. The petitioners shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Wednesday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., till the filing of the charge sheet and thereafter, as and when required.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

K. SUJANA, J

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