

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.14478 OF 2025

ORDER :

This criminal petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 by the petitioner/A.2 seeking anticipatory bail in connection with FIR No.1220 of 2025 of Cyber Crime Police Station, Hyderabad. The offences alleged against the petitioner are under Section 66 (c), 66(D) of Information Technology Act, and under Sections 419, 420 and 120-B r/w.34 of Indian Penal Code.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 08.07.2025 the defacto complainant lodged a complaint stating that in January, 2024, while Pradeep Sadineni was searching for online business/personal loan, he came to know about accused No.1 and due to urgent need of money, to transfer a total amount of Rs.75 lakhs to the Indian Bank accounts. As stated by A.1 the payments were made by using Indian ICICI Bank account. Despite repeated follow ups, the promised loan was never arranged and he has failed to return the money transferred by Pradeep Sadineni. As such, the complainant requested the

police to take necessary action against the accused. Basing on the confession of A.3, the petitioner herein is arrayed as A.2.

3. Heard Sri M.Rathan Singh, 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 there are no such allegations against the petitioner to implead him in this case. Petitioner is innocent of the said allegations except stating that petitioner is the beneficiary of crypto currency, there are no specific allegations against him and the complainant never transferred any amount to the petitioner. He further contended that as all the offences are punishable below seven years, instead of serving notice under Section 35(3) of BNSS the investigating officer remanded A.3. Therefore, there is threat of arrest to the petitioner herein. As such, prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed bail on the ground that there are serious allegations against this petitioner and the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required to recover the amount involved in this case, as such requested this Court to dismiss this petition.

6. Considering the submissions made by both the counsel and the material on record, the alleged offences against the petitioner are punishable with below seven years and there is no allegation against this petitioner in the complaint lodged by complainant but basing on the confession of A.3, he is implicated in this case, this Court deems it fit to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/A.2 subject to the following conditions :

- i. The petitioner/A.2 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Cyber Crime Police Station, Hyderabad within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release the petitioner on bail on his executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty five Thousand only) with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner/A.2 shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks, for the purpose of investigation and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioner/A.2 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of BNSS and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

Date : 14.11.2025
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