

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA AT
HYDERABAD**

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.15737 of 2025

DATE: 15.12.2025

Between:

Thoutam Venkataiah

.... Petitioner/accused No.1

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/Prosecution

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.1 in Crime No.278 of 2025 of AJ Mills Colony Police Station, Warangal District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 351(2), 296 r/w

3(5) of the BNS and Section 5 of the Telangana Protection of Depositors of Financial Establishments Act, 1999.

2. The case of the prosecution is that, on 13.05.2025, the de-facto complainant lodged a report before the police stating that accused Nos.1 to 4 were running Chit Fund Scheme in the name of Karuna Parapathi Sangam and the complainant paid Rs.3,20,000/- as chit and Rs.8,70,000/- was given as hand loan to the accused and he did not return the money even after the chit period was completed and cheated him. Later, the complainant came to know that accused No.1 had collected Rs.37,96,400/- from other chit holders and failed to repay them and in the absence of accused No.1, accused Nos.2 to 4 collected chit amounts from others. Hence, he requested for necessary action. Basing on the said complaint, the police registered a case for the above said offences.

3. Heard Sri Sreenivasa Rao Ravulapati, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner herein is innocent of the said allegations and there is no such offence committed by the petitioner and the anticipatory bail petition filed by the petitioner is dismissed by the trial Court by granting bail to the accused Nos.2 and 3. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready to repay the same and he is suffering with ill-ailments and he was admitted to the hospital due to the cardiac problem. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner stating that there are number of victims suffered in the hands of accused herein and the huge amount is involved in this case, therefore, the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for further investigation in the interest of the victims and prayed the Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and on a perusal of the material available on

record, the petitioner herein is arrayed as accused No.1 and without going into the merits of the case, the documents filed by the petitioner herein i.e. the medical certificates shows that he is suffering with cardiac problem. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the health condition of the petitioner herein, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner/accused No.1, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner/accused No.1 shall surrender before the Station House Officer, AJ Mills Colony Police Station, Warangal District, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner/accused No.1 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 petitioner/accused No.1 shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Wednesday and Friday 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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