

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.16497 of 2025

DATE: 17.12.2025

BETWEEN:

Athikam Bhoomesh

..... Petitioner

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
Through S.H.O. P.S. Gachibowli.
High Court for the state of Telangana,
At Hyderabad.

..... Respondent/complainant

ORDER

The present Criminal Petition is filed praying this Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner who is not arrayed as accused in connection with Crime No.2107 of 2025 of Gachibowli Police Station, Hyderabad.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 25.09.2025, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report before the Gachibowli Police stating that he approached one S.Venkata Kiran

Rayal from IEC Consultancy, located behind Dr.Agarwal Eye Hospital, 2nd Floor Panjagutta, Hyderabad, who introduced himself as a consultant assisting students securing admission into universities in the USA, Sri Deepak Reddy informed the accused of his intention to pursue higher education abroad. The accused assured him that he could help to secure admission even if the petitioner lacked the necessary academic qualifications. On that assurance, he paid Rs.2,50,000/- to the accused through cash and online transactions for processing and documentation. Subsequently, the accused provided fake education certificates claiming that the petitioner had completed B.Tech from MEWAR University, Gangrar, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan, along with degree marks memos and consolidated transcripts, which were entirely fabricated. The petitioner had never studied at this university. When confronted, the accused admitted that such documents are routinely created to help students secure admission in certain US universities and claimed that some universities allegedly pay these consultancies per student admission. The petitioner further suspects that many other students might have obtained admission in the US using similar fake

certificates distributed by this incident and following his parents advice, the petitioner approached the Police station to lodge a formal complaint. Basing on the same, Police registered a case against accused persons and registered case stating that accused No.1 involved fabricated documents and accused No.2 along with the petitioner herein involved in forged the documents and the petitioner is also accused.

3. Heard Sri R.Chandra Shekar Reddy, learned counsel for petitioner as well as Sri E.Ganesh, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent -

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that though the petitioner is not arrayed as accused in the alleged crime, the police are calling the petitioner to the police station and insisting that he sit there till the evening. He further submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he is nowhere concerned with the alleged crime. He also submitted that there are no such allegations against the petitioner in the complaint, FIR, or remand report. However, the petitioner is falsely implicated in the present case.

Therefore, he prayed that the Court grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this criminal petition as the petitioner, who is not arrayed as accused in the alleged crime, the Police are apprehending him.

5. On the other hand, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition, stating that initially the petitioner was not arrayed as an accused, but subsequently the petitioner was suspected as an accused, and the investigation is pending against the petitioner herein. As such, he requested to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. Considering the submissions of both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is seen that the main allegation is against accused Nos.1 and 2. It is noteworthy that there is no other evidence collected by the investigating authority against the petitioner herein. Pertinently, the trial Court has already granted bail to accused No.2 *vide* Crl.M.P. No. 3878 of 2025 in Crime No.2107 of 2025. In view of the above, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, subject to compliance with certain conditions.

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Gachibowli Police Station, Hyderabad, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release them on bail on executing a personal bond for Rs.25,000/-, with two sureties, for the like sum each.
- ii. The petitioner 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.

The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday for a period of (08) weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier 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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