

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

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION Nos.3952 and 4036 of 2026

DATE: 25.03.2026

CRIMINAL PETITION No.3952 of 2026

Between:

Meda Satish Kumar @ Satish

.... Petitioner/Accused No.5

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
At Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/Complainant

CRIMINAL PETITION No.4036 of 2026

Between:

Potru Manoj Kalyan

.... Petitioner/Accused No.2

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State of Telangana,
At Hyderabad.

.... Respondent/Complainant

COMMON ORDER

These criminal petitions are filed under Section 480 & 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioners/Accused Nos.5 and 2 seeking enlargement on bail in connection with Crime No.234 of 2025 of VM Banjar Police Station, Khammam District. The offences alleged against the petitioners are under Sections 318(4), 319(2), 338 read with 61 of BNS and Section 66-D of IT Act. With respect to Accused No.2, Section 111 of the BNS has been invoked, as there are two other cases presently pending against him.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the *de-facto* complainant lodged a report with the police on 24.12.2025, stating that while pursuing his degree in 2022 and searching for a part-time job due to financial difficulties, he came into contact with Pottru Kalyan and Morampudi Chennakeshavarao. They informed him that Pottru Praveen was running IT companies in Hyderabad and promised to introduce him to Praveen, who would provide employment. Subsequently, he was introduced to Praveen, who claimed ownership of IT companies and call centres and assured him of a job or business opportunity. Praveen asked him to open bank accounts for depositing client funds. Believing the promise, and on the advice of Kalyan and

Chennakeshavarao, he opened an account. They linked their phone number to the account, took his online banking credentials, debit card, and signed blank cheques. In 2024, Praveen, along with Chennakeshavarao and others, claimed to operate firms under the name 'Extrika Solutions' and demanded more accounts. Promising employment within six months, they took him to Khammam with an associate, Shivakrishna, and opened another account. Again, they linked their phone number, took his credentials, debit card, and signed cheques. Whenever he contacted Praveen, Kalyan, and Chennakeshavarao, they stalled, promising either a job or a 4-5% share in the Extrika Group. Later, he came to know through news reports that a cybercrime case had been registered against Praveen and Chennakeshavarao. On verifying his bank accounts, he discovered that the credentials had been changed without his knowledge. It came to light that these accounts were used to cheat several people across the country, with funds transferred to accounts belonging to the Extrika Group. Consequently, the complainant requested the police to take necessary action. Based on his complaint, a case was registered for the alleged offences.

3. Heard Sri T. Anirudh Reddy, learned counsel for the petitioners and Sri M. Ramachander Reddy, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent-State.

4. The contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners is that the petitioners are innocent of the allegations and the accused No.2 has been in judicial custody since 20.01.2026 and accused No.5 has been in judicial custody since 21.01.2026 and that the crucial part of the investigation has already been completed. He further submitted that Accused No.1 has already been enlarged on bail by the trial Court and that the petitioners are willing to co-operate with the Investigating Officer as and when required. Hence, he prayed the Court to grant bail to the petitioners.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor vehemently opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, contending that the allegations against the petitioners were grave and heinous in nature as under the guise of providing employment, the petitioners collected bank accounts and used them to defraud innocent people, with several transactions traced to the victims' accounts. He further submitted that the petitioners threatened

witnesses, warning them that if they co-operated with the prosecution, they would be falsely implicated in ganja cases. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petitions.

6. In the light of the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on either side and upon a careful perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the petitioners are arrayed as Accused Nos.2 and 5 and have been in judicial custody since 20.01.2026. It is also noted that Accused No.1 has already been granted bail by the trial Court. As per the remand report, prosecution witnesses LWs.1 to 6, including the Investigating Officer, have been examined. Considering the overall facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, and the duration of incarceration, this Court finds it appropriate to grant bail to the petitioners–Accused No.2 and 5, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioners shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) each, with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class at Sathupalli.

- ii. The petitioners shall appear before the concerned SHO at 11:00 a.m., on every Wednesday for a period of eight (8) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.
- iii. The petitioners shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C. (presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

7. Accordingly, these Criminal petitions are allowed.

Miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending shall stand closed.

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