

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

THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.7985 OF 2026

BETWEEN :

Ravi Laxmavva Madar.

...Petitioner/Accused

AND

The State of Telangana,
Rep by its Public Prosecutor,
Cyber Crimes Police Station, DD,
Hyderabad and another.

... Respondents

ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, “BNSS”), seeking grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as an accused in Crime No. 1219 of 2025 on the file of the Cyber Crimes Police Station, Hyderabad, registered for offences punishable under Sections 66-C and 66-D of the Information Technology Act, 2000, as amended in 2008, and Sections 318(4), 319(2), 336(3), and 340(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Additional Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1-State.

3. The brief facts of the case are that respondent No.2/*de-facto* complainant was allegedly added to a Whatsapp group by unknown cyber fraudsters on the pretext of providing online review jobs and investment opportunities and was induced to invest money in a fake crypto currency/trading platform with promises of high returns. Initially, small amounts were credited on the invested money to gain confidence, after which, larger sum was transferred by respondent No.2/*de-facto* complainant into the accounts provided by the accused persons but no amounts were credited, thereby cheated respondent No.2/*de-facto* complainant. Hence, the complaint.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner earlier filed CrI.M.P.No.1841 of 2026 in Crime No.1219 of 2025 before learned VII Additional Sessions

Judge-cum-V Additional Sessions Judge, Hyderabad, for grant of anticipatory bail. However, the same was dismissed vide order dated 13.05.2026. It is further contended that the petitioner is innocent, he never participated in the said crime and he has been falsely implicated in the said case. It is also contended that the petitioner being a bank employee facilitated opening and operation of the said account and had no direct or indirect connection whatsoever with the alleged fraudsters or the complaint. Hence, learned counsel prays this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. *Per contra*, learned Additional Public Prosecutor contended that the petitioner, who is a bank employee, is arrayed as Accused No.4 in the above crime. The learned trial Court dismissed the anticipatory bail application filed by the petitioner only on the ground that the petitioner had refused to receive notice issued under Section 35(3) of BNSS by the respondent No.1-Police under the apprehension of arrest.

6. In reply, learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner, being a bank employee, has no connivance with the alleged offence and that he refused to receive the notice issued under Section 35(3) of BNSS, as the same was not served in a proper manner. It is further submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the investigation and abide by the conditions, if any, imposed by this Court.

7. In the light of submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, this Court deems it appropriate to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner.

8. Accordingly, the present Criminal Petition is allowed on the following conditions:

- 1) Petitioner/accused No.4 is directed to surrender before the Station House Officer, Cyber Crimes Police Station, DD, Hyderabad, on 01.06.2026 before 01:00 p.m., and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him on bail on executing

a personal bound for Rs.25,000/- with two sureties, for the like sum each to the satisfaction of Cyber Crimes Police Station, DD, Hyderabad.

2) Petitioner/accused No.4 shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Sunday between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. for a period of six (6) weeks or till filing of charge sheet whichever is earlier, for the purpose of investigation, and thereafter, as and when required.

3) Petitioner/accused No.4 shall abide by the other conditions stipulated in Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 and co-operate with the investigating officer in investigating the case.

Miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

Date: 29.05.2026

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