

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

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8166 of 2026

DATE : 04.06.2026

Between:

Shailaja Reddy @ Shailaja Sharma.

...Petitioner/ Accused No.2

AND

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

...Respondent

ORDER:

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') by the petitioner/accused No.2 seeking to enlarge him on Anticipatory Bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.242 of 2026 of Madhapur Police Station, Cyberabad Commissionerate, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 351(2) r/w 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

2. Heard Sri S.Viplav Simha Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri Jithender Rao Veeramalla, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent - State.

3. The case of the prosecution is that, on 11.02.2026, the de facto complainant lodged a complaint alleging that in January, 2025,

accused No.1- Gundu Phani Kumar Sharma and others induced her to invest in their import and export business by promising partnership and profits. Believing their representations, the complainant invested Rs.50,00,000/- through RTGS on 12.02.2025. It is alleged that after receiving the amount, the accused Nos.1 to 3 neither inducted him as a partner nor utilized the money for the promised business, and instead misappropriated the same for personal use. The complainant further alleged that the accused Nos.1 to 3 threatened and intimidated him when questioned and failed to furnish relevant business and financial records. Aggrieved by the alleged acts of cheating, criminal breach of trust, forgery and criminal intimidation, he lodged a complaint, based on which a case in Cr.No.242/2026 was registered for the offences punishable under Sections 316(4), 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 351(2) r/w 3(5) of BNS, and investigation was taken up.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the present crime. It is contended that the petitioner had no role in the alleged inducement or collection of money from the de-facto complainant and that she has been arrayed as an accused No.2 solely on account of her relationship with accused No.1. Learned counsel further submitted that there are no specific allegations attracting the offence under Section 338 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 against the petitioner. It is also submitted that the remand report of accused No.1 would disclose that the alleged fabrication of documents purportedly issued by the Ministry

of Agriculture and Forestry, Tonga and other related documents is attributed mainly to accused No.1. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner is ready to cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, he prayed this Court to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner by allowing the Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by learned counsel for petitioner stating that the allegations against the petitioner herein are serious in nature. Therefore, prayed this Court to dismiss the Criminal Petition.

6. Having considered the rival submissions and upon perusal of the material available on record and considering the facts and circumstances of the case, the stage of investigation, this Court finds it a fit case to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/accused No.2. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner/accused No.2 shall surrender before the concerned Station House Officer on or before 15.06.2026 and execute a personal bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the said Station House Officer and on such surrender the petitioner/accused No.2 shall be enlarged on bail.
- ii. The petitioner/accused No.2 shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Sunday between 10:00 a.m., to 02:00 p.m., for a period of

four (4) weeks or till the filing of the charge sheet, whichever is earlier and thereafter as and when required.

- iii. After release, if the petitioner/accused No.2 indulges in similar offence, the respondent-State is at liberty to file an application seeking cancellation of the bail granted to her by this Court.
- iv. The petitioner/accused No.2 shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 482(2) of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and co-operate with the Investigating Officer in investigating the case.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall also stand closed.

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