IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA
AT HYDERABAD

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE B.R.MADHUSUDHAN RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17592 of 2026

(CNR.No. HBHC010721412026)

DATE: 02.11.2026

BETWEEN:

G.Veerabhadra Reddy

.....Petitioner-Accused No. 4

And

The State of Telangana,
through its Public Prosecutor, having office at
TS Secretariat, Hyderabad,
High Court, Hyderabad.

.....Respondent

ORDER

1. This Criminal Petition is filed under Sections 480 and 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') praying this Court to enlarge the petitioner-accused No. 4 on bail in connection with FIR.No.683 of 2026 of Cyber Crimes Police Station, Malkajgiri District, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 319(2), 338, 308(2) of the BNS and Sections 66-C and 66-D of IT Act.

2. Heard Sri Mohammad Adnan, learned counsel for the petitioner-accused No. 4 and Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent–State.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations in the complaint against the petitioner-accused No.4 are that he has allowed the accused Nos.1 to 3 to use his wife's account knowingfully well that accused Nos.1 to 3 are involved in online fraudulent activities. Offence under Section 338 of the BNS is 10 years of imprisonment or life imprisonment and rest of the offences mentioned in the FIR and remand case diary are below 7 years. Section 338 of the BNS is not at all applicable to the facts of the case, it is thus clear that the provisions of law is mischievously added to deprive the petitioner-accused no.4 from the benefits of Section 35(3) of the BNSS. Petitioner-accused No.4 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.09.2026, entire investigation is completed and prayed to enlarge the petitioner-accused No.4 on bail.

4. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor submits that the petitioner-accused no.4 has played a key role in facilitating the bank account of his wife to accused Nos.1 to 3, specific overt

acts are attributed against him and prayed to dismiss the petition.

5. Sri V.Satyanaraya Murthy, has lodged a report before P.S., Cyber Crime on 29.08.2026. It is stated in the complaint that on 22.08.2026 he received whatsapp video call from mobile No.9741559182, the caller has identified himself as George Mathew of Colaba Mumbai Police Station, falsely informed him that a criminal complaint had been registered against him in connection with illegal advertising, harassment and fraud activities. Subsequently, another person impersonating as Senior Officials of NIA, Maharastra Police, ED and RBI joined the calls and falsely alleged that his Aadhaar details and Canara Bank ATM cards were linked to terror funding and money laundering activities, they threatened him with arrest and freezing the bank account, believing the impersonators, he has transferred Rs.52,00,200/- from the deposits held in his name and his wife's name to the bank accounts specified by the fraudster. Basing on the said complaint, FIR came to be registered.

6. Petitioner-accused No.4 is arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.09.2026, since then he is in jail. In the remand report of petitioner-accused No.4 it is shown that

accused No.1 is Bank of India Account Holder, *vide* A/c No:502820110000622, Ifsc:BKID0005028 and accused No.2-Sameer, both are absconding.

7. Respondent has altogether examined 7 witnesses in support of the case.

8. The total property lost in the case is Rs.52,00,200/-. It is stated in the remand case diary that petitioner-accused No.4 has shared his wife-Mounika bank account: ICICI Bank, A/c No:067505500526 without her knowledge/permission to Sameer to operate the account and he shared the Gmail ID with him so that during the transactions he will tell him the OTP received and she offered to pay commission of approximately 1% to 2% on each transaction.

9. Petitioner-accused No.4 has filed Crl.M.P.No.945 of 2026 in Crime No.683 of 2026 before the learned Sessions Court, which came to be dismissed *vide* order dated 05.10.2026 with an observation that custody of petitioner-accused No.4 is required.

10. It is mentioned in the remand report that as per the report of NCRP, accused Nos.3 and 4 are involved in the following cases:

Cases linked

S.No	Acknowledgement No.	Account No.	IFSC Code	Layer	State
1.	33708260043636	067505500526	ICIC0000675	2	TELANGANA

Record goes to show that the case involves collection of documentary evidence and bank statements and the respondent has already examined 7 witnesses in support of the case. This Court is of the view that major portion of the investigation is completed, detaining the petitioner-accused No. 4 further in judicial custody will not serve the purpose. Hence, the petitioner-accused No. 4 is entitled to be enlarged on bail, subject to the following conditions:

i. The petitioner-accused No. 4 shall execute a personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only), with two sureties for a like sum each to the satisfaction of the V Additional Metropolitan Magistrate-cum-V Additional Junior Civil Judge, Cyberabad at L.B.Nagar.

ii. The petitioner-accused No. 4 shall appear before the concerned SHO between 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on every

Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday 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 petitioner–accused No.4 shall not involve in similar offences.

iv. The petitioner-accused No. 4 shall abide by the conditions stipulated in Section 437(3) of Cr.P.C.(presently, Section 480(3) of the BNSS).

v. The petitioner-accused No. 4 shall not directly or indirectly influence, threaten, or induce any of the prosecution witnesses.

vi. It is made clear that if any of the above conditions are violated, the prosecution is at liberty to file an application for cancellation of the bail.

11. Accordingly, the Criminal petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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