

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATE OF TELANGANA

AT HYDERABAD

THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION No.17904 of 2025

DATE: 07.01.2026

BETWEEN:

Naga Madhusudan Salla

..... Petitioner/Accused

And

The State of Telangana,
Represented by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana, Hyderabad
Through P.S. Madhapur, Cyberabad District
And another.

..... Respondent/
Complainant

ORDER

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short 'BNSS') for grant of pre-
arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused in Crime
No.2402 of 2025 before the Madhapur Police Station, Cyberabad
Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under
Sections 318(4) and 316(4) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, on 12.12.2025, the *de facto* complainant lodged a report before the police stating that the accused was involved in serious financial fraud and misconduct by unlawfully withdrawing Rs.19,00,000/- from the company account without approval and in violation of the company's financial interests. The accused also collected Rs.12,00,000/- in cash and through UPI from customers without issuing official receipts or depositing the amounts into the company's account. Furthermore, when questioned about these actions, the accused threatened to commit suicide and engaged in blackmailing employees. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case against the accused for the aforesaid offences.

3. Heard Sri B. Vamshidhar Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri D. Arun Kumar, learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent of the said allegations and, in fact, the petitioner also has the authority to withdraw amounts in the company's transactions along with the *de facto* complainant. He further contended that no such unauthorized transfer was made

by the petitioner and whatever transactions exist are duly recorded. Therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required and that the matter is not of a criminal nature and ought to be decided before the Registrar of Companies. Therefore, he prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. On the other hand, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner stating that the allegations leveled against the petitioner are serious in nature, as he allegedly misappropriated amounts deposited by customers. Therefore, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required for the purpose of further investigation. At this stage, granting pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise. Therefore, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by both learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is observed that the petitioner has been made an accused on the allegation that he withdrew Rs.19,00,000/- from the company's account and failed to issue receipts to customers for Rs.12,00,000/-. These allegations are primarily based on documentary evidence. Considering the same, custodial interrogation of the petitioner does

not appear necessary at this stage. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court deems it fit to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall surrender before the Station House Officer, Madhapur Police Station, within two weeks from today, and on such surrender, the said Station House Officer shall release him 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.
- iii. The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Investigating Officer on every Monday between 09:00 a.m, and 05:00 p.m., 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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