

**IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF I CLASS cum
II ADDL.CIVIL JUDGE(JD):: BHIMAVARAM.**

Present: - Smt. N.Jyothi
II Addl. Judl.Magistrate of I Class, Bhimavaram.

Friday, this the 4th day of July, 2025.

C.C.637/2019

Between:

State represented by Inspector of Police,
I Town Police station,Bhimavaram.

...Complainant

And

Adabala Balaji S/o. Satyanarayana and 8 others

... Accused

This case coming on for final hearing before me in the presence of Sri APP Advocate for the complainant, Sri Simhachalam Pastula counsel for accused. and having stood over for consideration till today, this court, delivered the following:

JUDGMENT

All accused are present. Copies were furnished to them. They were examined under Sec.251 of Cr.P.C for the offence punishable under Sec. 4 of Gaming Act. The substance of the accusation leveled against them has been read over and explained to them in Telugu. Having understood the same, accused are pleaded guilty voluntarily, despite caution given by the court.

It is informed to the accused that they are not bound to make any admission, and if made, it can be used as evidence against them to decide the guilt. However, the accused stick to their admission and submitted that their plea of admission is a voluntary one. Hence, this Court satisfied that the plea of guilt tendered by accused is voluntary, free from threat and coercion. Accordingly, plea of admission tendered by accused are accepted.

In the result, accused is found guilty for the offence punishable under Sec. 4 of Gaming Act. Accordingly they are convicted under Sec.252 of Cr.P.C.

When they were questioned about the quantum of sentence to be imposed, they submitted that, they have family who are the dependents upon their respective sole earnings. They further submitted that, they have been put behind the bars, their family members will be put under starvation. Hence they pleaded mercy of the Court.

The nature of the offence do not warrants the application of both beneficial provisions of P.O Act. However taking into consideration of the submissions made by the convicts, their social status and family background and in view of nature of the offence, this Court is of view that instead of sentencing them to jail, imposing the sentence of fine would meet the ends of justice and this is a fit case to take a lenient view in imposing sentence.

Accordingly, the accused are sentenced to pay a fine of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) each for the offence under Sec. 4 of Gaming Act in default of payment of fine they shall suffer simple imprisonment for a period of ten days each for the offence U/s. 4 of Gaming Act.

Since the property is produced before the court. Today the court passed the following property order. The seized cash of Rs. 1,00,140/- (Rupees One lakh one hundred and forty only) shall be confiscated to the state. 52 playing cards shall be destroyed.

Pronounced by me in open Court on this the 4th day of July, 2025.

Sd/-Smt. N. Jyothi
**II ADDITIONAL JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE OF I CLASS,
BHIMAVARAM.**