



IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATI
THURSDAY ,THE NINETEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY

TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

:PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE VENKATA JYOTHIRMAI PRATAPA

CRIMINAL PETITION NOS: 1117 & 1118 OF 2026

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1117 OF 2026:

Between:

Tatapudi Veerabhadra Rao, S/o. Subba Rao,Aged about 49 years, R/o.
D.No. 1-64,Ramalayam Daggara, B. Kothuru,East Godavari District.

Petitioner/Accused-8

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by SHO, CID Regional Office,
Rajamahendravaram.,Rep. by its Public ProsecutorHigh Court of Andhra
Pradesh at Amaravathi.

Respondent/Respondent

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS (438 of Cr.P.C.,) praying that in the
circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the Criminal Petition,
the High Court may be pleased to direct release of the Petitioner on Bail in the
event of her arrest in connection with FIR.No.177 of 2024 on the file of the
Pithapuram Rural Police Station, Kakinada District.,

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 1118 OF 2026:

Between:

Shek Shilar Bhi, W/o. Srinu, Aged about 45 years, R/o.H.No.4-89, B. Kothuru,
East Godavari District.

Petitioner/Accused-9

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh, Rep. by SHO, CID Regional Office,
Rajamahendravaram., Rep. by its Public Prosecutor High Court of Andhra
Pradesh at Amaravathi.

Respondent/Complainant

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS (438 of Cr.P.C.,) praying that in the circumstances stated in the affidavit filed in support of the Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to direct release of the Petitioner on Bail in the event of her arrest in connection with FIR.No.177 of 2024 on the file of the Pithapuram Rural Police Station, Kakinada District.

**COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS IN BOTH THE CASES : SRI. S DILIP
JAYA RAM**

**COUNSEL FOR THE RESPONDENT IN BOTH THE CASES : PUBLIC
PROSECUTOR**

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING

COMMON ORDER:

The instant petitions under Section 482 of BNSS have been filed by the Petitioners / Accused Nos.8 & 9, seeking anticipatory bail in connection with Crime No.177 of 2024 on the file of Pithapuram Rural Police Station, Kakinada District, which is registered for the offences under Sections 406, 408, 409, 420 and 471 read with 34 IPC.

2. Since both these petitions arise out of one and the same crime, both are heard together and disposed of by way of this common order.

3. Heard Sri S.Dilip Jayaram, learned counsel for the Petitioners / Accused Nos.8 and 9 and Sri K.Sandeep, learned Assistant Public Prosecutor for State.

4. The case of the Prosecution, in brief, is that Accused No.1 misappropriated an amount of Rs.7.00 crores by forming fake SHG groups, by creating forged documents and by obtaining loans from the branch of Bank of Baroda, Pithapuram in collusion with Accused Nos.2 to 9 .

5. Learned counsel for the Petitioners would submit that the Petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged. It is further submitted that initially their names were not reflected either in the report of the FIR and subsequently, based on the confession made by Accused No.1, the Petitioners were arrayed as Accused in the present crime. Learned counsel would further submit that, a Coordinate Bench of this Court *vide* Order dated 30.07.2025 in CrI.P.Nos.7474 of 2025 and batch, granted anticipatory bail to

Accused Nos.4 to 7 in the present crime and the Petitioners herein are also on the same footing.

6. Learned Assistant Public Prosecutor opposed the petition and would submit that, there are specific allegations against the Petitioners. It is further submitted, in view of the nature and gravity of the offences, custodial interrogation is necessary to reveal the financial trail and to secure further material evidence.

7. A bare perusal of the material on record would disclose that, no specific allegation of personal gain or overt act attributable to the Petitioners nor any indication of intent to cause wrongful loss to the institution. The Petitioners were arrayed as Accused based on the confession statement of the co-Accused. The Prosecution failed to show any pressing need for custodial interrogation and there is no material to suggest non-cooperation or likelihood of tampering with the evidence.

8. In view of the fact that the similarly situated Accused were already granted anticipatory in this crime and that there are no criminal antecedents against the Petitioners and the stage of investigation, this Court is of the considered view that the custodial interrogation of the Petitioners is unwarranted. However, the apprehension of the prosecution can be addressed by imposing stringent conditions.

9. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed granting anticipatory bail to the Petitioners / Accused Nos.8 and 9, on the following conditions:

- (i) The Petitioners shall execute personal bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) each with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the concerned Magistrate Court.
- (ii) The Petitioners shall be available for investigation as and when required and cooperate with the Investigating Officer.
- (iii) The Petitioners shall not directly or indirectly tamper with evidence nor influence, intimidate, or induce any prosecution witness.
- (iv) The Petitioners shall surrender their passports, if any, before the Court concerned and shall not leave India without prior permission of the Court.

Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand closed.

**SD/-K.V.RAGHAVULU
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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1. The Station House officer, Pithapuram Rural Police Station, Kakinada District
2. The Station House officer, CID Regional Office, Rajamahendravaram.,
3. One CC to SRI. S DILIP JAYA RAM Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to Public Prosecutor, High Court of A.P[OUT]
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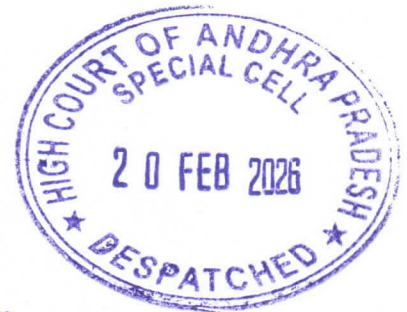
HIGH COURT

DR.VJP,J

DATED:19/02/2026

BAIL ORDER

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ALLOWED

