

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

**FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 5928 OF 2026

Between:

Adabala Sai Durga Manikanta, S/o. Adabala Srinivas, aged about 29 years
Occ. Business, R/o. H no. 1-42/1-9 Opp Sai Baba Temple, 3rd Lane Right
dead end Kovvada, East Godavari District, AP - 533 006

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.5

AND

The State of Telangana Through SHO, PS CCS, Hyderabad Rep by its Public
Prosecutor High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 482 of BNSS praying that in the circumstances stated in the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition, the High Court may be pleased to enlarge the petitioner/ accused no.5 on Anticipatory Bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No. 139 of 2025 on the file of SHO, PS CCS, Hyderabad to abide by the condition or conditions that might be imposed by this Hon'ble.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri B S S PRASAD, Advocate for the Petitioner and Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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THE HONOURABLE SMT. JUSTICE K. SUJANA

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DATE: 01.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Adabala Sai Durga Manikanta

..... Petitioner/
Accused No.5

And

The State of Telangana,
Through SHO, PS CCS, Hyderabad
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana at Hyderabad

..... 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 No.5 in Crime No.139 of 2025 before the Central Crime Station, Hyderabad, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 319(2), 318(4), 316(2), 337, 340(2), 351(2) r/w 3(5) of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that on 08.10.2025, the *de-facto* complainant and others lodged a report before the Police stating that Accused Nos.1 to 6 and others committed a large-scale organized financial fraud under the guise of securing a government IT project relating to data center and cybersecurity monitoring. It is alleged that the accused persons, by impersonating government officials and misusing access to the Telangana Secretariat, induced the complainant and other victims to invest substantial amounts on the promise of awarding project work. Relying on such representations, the victims transferred various amounts from September 2024 to January 2025 into bank accounts allegedly controlled by the accused, totaling approximately Rs.1,77,90,000/-. The accused created fake documents, conducted meetings at various locations including government premises, and continued to give false assurances regarding project execution and refund of amounts. As such, the complainant approached the police for necessary action. Based on the said complaint, a case was registered against the accused for the aforementioned offences.

3. Heard Sri B.S.S. Prasad, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M.Ramachandra Reddy,

learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent – State.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner, who arrayed as accused No.5 is innocent and has no role in the alleged offence and his implication is baseless, with no specific allegations or evidence linking him to the crime. He further submitted that the involvement of the petitioner with co-accused was limited to recovering his own invested money, in fact, the petitioner himself is a victim, having lost a substantial amount of Rs.33,31,918/- and that there is no direct transaction or connection between the petitioner and the de facto complainant; his name does not appear in the original complaint. He further submitted that accused Nos.1 and 6 have already been granted regular bail and that the petitioner is ready and willing to cooperate with the investigation, 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 opposes the bail application, contending that the allegations against the petitioner are severe and grave in nature, as the petitioner conspired with other accused and lured the victims

and dishonestly collected an amount of Rs.1.78 crores from them. He further contended that the investigation is still pending and that granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, at this stage, does not arise and prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In light of the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and learned Additional Public Prosecutor and upon perusal of the material available on record, it prima facie appears that the allegations against the petitioner are serious in nature, involving participation in an organized criminal conspiracy along with other accused persons for committing offences such as cheating, forgery, fabrication of government documents, and other related offences. It is further noted that the petitioner received an amount of Rs.30,000/- on 13.02.2025 through PhonePe from LW.2 and also a share of the cheated amount to the tune of approximately Rs.4,00,000/-. Considering the gravity of the allegations and the stage of the investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, finding no merits in the Criminal Petition, the same is dismissed.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

**SD/- K.BHAVANI SWAMY
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**

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To,

1. The XII Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad.
2. The Station House Officer, Central Crime Station, Hyderabad District.
3. One CC to SRI. B S S PRASAD Advocate [OPUC]
4. Two CCs to PUBLIC PROSECUTOR High Court for the State of Telangana, at Hyderabad [OUT]
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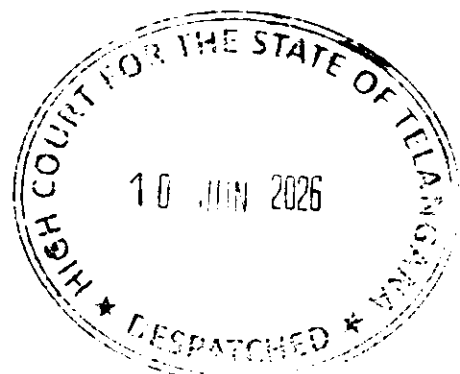


HIGH COURT

DATED: 01/05/2026

ORDER

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THE CRIMINAL PETITION IS DISMISSED

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