

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

**TUESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX**

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 6420 OF 2026

Between:

Kadari Soniya, W/o. Shashi Kumar, Age: 26 yrs, Occ: Housewife,
R/o. H. No. 4-30, Choppadandi Mandalam, Katnepalle, Karimnagar.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.2

AND

The State of Telangana,, Rep.by its Public Prosecutor,
High court of Telangana, Hyderabad.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Petition under Section 482 of Cr.P.C 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.2 on Anticipatory Bail in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No. 139 of 2026 of P.S. Cyber Crime for the offence U/s 316(2),318(4),319(2),338 BNS,66-C,66-D ITA-2000-2008 and the III Addl. District And Sessions Judge, Ranga Reddy District At L. B. Nagar.

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of Sri BHANOTHU SURESH, Advocate for the Petitioner and Mr. M, Rama Chandra Reddy, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the sole Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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DATE: 05.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Kadari Soniya

.....Petitioner/Accused No.2

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Telangana, 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.2 in Crime No.139 of 2026 before the Cyber Crimes Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate, registered for the offences punishable under Sections 316(2),

318(4), 319(2) and 338 of BNS and Sections 66-C and 66-D of IT Act 2000-2008.

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the defacto complainant, on 03.03.2026, lodged a report before the police stating that he came into contact with the petitioner through Facebook and interacted with her for about six months. Within a week, she sought financial assistance on the pretext of serious illness, and believing her, the complainant transferred money through PhonePe on several occasions. During their interaction, she collected his personal details and, upon learning that he was unmarried, introduced another woman, Shruthi, as a prospective life partner. Thereafter, the complainant transferred money to Shruthi and other associates on their demands. Subsequently, certain persons, namely Vinod, Manohar, Srikanth, and Ramcharan, threatened the complainant by falsely stating that the petitioner had died and coerced him into transferring more money, failing which he would be implicated in a criminal case. Due to such inducement and threats, the complainant transferred a total amount of Rs.32,36,385/-. Upon realizing that he had been cheated, he approached the police for

necessary action. Based on his complaint, Police registered a case in Crime No.139 of 2026 for the above mentioned offences.

3. Heard Sri Bhanothu Suresh, 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 is innocent and has been falsely implicated in the said crime and that all the material witnesses have already been examined and, therefore, there is no possibility of tampering with the evidence and the petitioner is willing to cooperate with the investigation and abide by any conditions imposed by the Court. He further submitted that the earlier anticipatory bail petition was dismissed by order dated 15.04.2026 in Crl.P. No. 4798 of 2026. 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 petition contending that the allegations against the petitioner are grave and serious in nature, as she is alleged to have lured and induced the *de-facto* complainant with false representations and sweet words, thereby causing him to transfer money on multiple occasions. He further submitted that the material on record discloses a prima facie case of a honey trap fraud and that the role of the petitioner requires thorough investigation. He further submitted that there are no changed circumstances from the earlier petition filed by the petitioner, and therefore the present petition is not maintainable. As such, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise and prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and upon perusal of the material available on record, it is noted that previously the petitioner had filed Crl.P.No.4798 of 2026 before this Court, seeking the relief of grant of bail and the same was dismissed *vide* order dated 15.04.2026 observing that '*... petitioner is arrayed as Accused No.2 and is alleged to have induced the de facto complainant to*

transfer amounts on the pretext of ill health and through other means, along with the involvement of other accused persons, resulting in a total loss of Rs.32,36,385/-. Having regard to the nature and gravity of the offence, the magnitude of the amount involved, and the necessity for a thorough investigation into the role of the petitioner, this Court is of the considered view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is required. At this stage, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner and the same is liable to be dismissed.' However, it is noticed that there are no changed circumstances back then in the earlier bail petition, and the present bail petition. As such, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for, by the petitioner. There are no merits in this Criminal Petition, and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

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SD/- N. CHANDRA SEKHAR
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

SECTION OFFICER

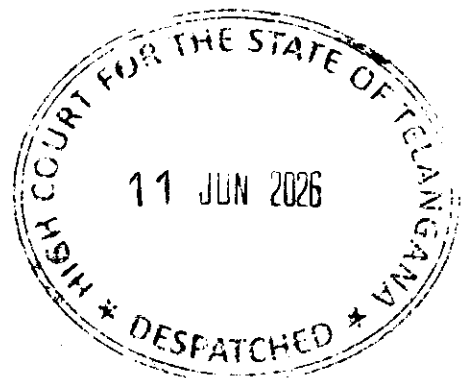
To,

1. The Special Judicial Magistrate of First Class (Excise), Rangareddy – V Additional Judicial Magistrate of First Class cum V Additional Junior Civil Judge, Rangareddy, L.B.Nagar, Hyderabad.
2. The Station House Officer, Cyber Crimes Police Station, Rachakonda Commissionerate.
3. One CC to SRI. BHANOTHU SURESH Advocate [OPUC]
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HIGH COURT
DATED: 05/05/2026

ORDER
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CRIMINAL PETITION IS DISMISSED.

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