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

WEDNESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF MAY
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY SIX

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE SMT JUSTICE K. SUJANA

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 7052 OF 2026

Between:

SHAIK SONDUPASHA, S/o. Shaik Malsur, Aged about 42 years, Occ Farmer H.No.1/27,Masid Bazar, Vallapuram, Nadigudem, Suryapet,Telangana

.....PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO 9

AND

THE STATE OF TELANGANA, Through its Public prosecutor, High Court 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 grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner/A.No.9 on the file of FIR No 34/2026 dt 27/02/2026 CyB in the event of his arrest alleged offences under Sec 318(4) of BNS and Sec 66(D) of IT act

This Petition coming on for hearing, upon perusing the Memorandum of Grounds of Criminal Petition and upon hearing the arguments of SMT KALLU NISHWITHA , Advocate for the Petitioner and the SRI M .RAMACHANDRA REDDY, Additional Public Prosecutor on behalf of the Sole Respondent.

The Court made the following: ORDER

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DATE: 06.05.2026

BETWEEN:

Shaik Sondupasha

.....petitioner/accused No.9

And

The State of Telangana,
Rep. by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court for the State 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.9 in Crime No.34 of 2026 before the Cyber Crime Police Station, TSCSB, registered for the offences punishable under Section 66D of IT Act-20008, 316, 318(4), 338 and 112 of BNS.

2. The brief facts of the case are that based on NCRP data analysis under "Operation Crackdown," several bank accounts were found linked to multiple cyber fraud complaints across India. It is alleged that such accounts were used as first- and second-layer receiving accounts to route fraudulent proceeds. A suo motu FIR in Crime No.34 of 2026 was registered for offences under the IT Act and BNS, alleging that the accused persons, including the petitioner, facilitated cyber fraud and converted proceeds into cryptocurrency through peer-to-peer transactions.

3. Heard Smt. K. Nishwitha Reddy, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner as well as Sri M. Ramachander 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 without any specific overt act and that the petitioner merely engaged in lawful peer-to-peer cryptocurrency trading through a registered platform after completing KYC formalities and had no knowledge of any

fraudulent source of funds. The case is based on documentary and digital evidence already in police custody, and no custodial interrogation is required. She contended that there is no direct nexus between the petitioner and alleged fraud, no criminal antecedents, and the petitioner is a permanent resident, not a flight risk. Therefore, she prayed the Court to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner by allowing this Criminal Petition.

5. Learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposes the petition, contending that the petitioner's bank account was linked to multiple cyber fraud transactions and formed part of a larger organized network and that the accounts were used to route and layer proceeds of crime, including conversion into cryptocurrency, and that investigation is ongoing to trace the money trail and identify other accused. Therefore, at this stage, granting of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner does not arise. Hence, he prayed the Court to dismiss the criminal petition.

6. In the light of the submissions made by both the learned counsel and on a perusal of the material available on record, it appears that the main allegation against the petitioner is that his bank account was allegedly linked to multiple cyber fraud transactions and was used as part of a layered network to receive

and transfer proceeds of crime, including conversion into crypto currency through peer-to-peer transactions. Further, as seen from the record, there are multiple crimes registered against the petitioner, and the investigation is still at a nascent stage, particularly with regard to tracing the money trail and identifying the role of each accused in the organized network. Having regard to the nature and gravity of the allegations, as well as the requirement of a thorough investigation, this Court is not inclined to grant pre-arrest bail to the petitioner at this stage and the same is liable to be dismissed.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed.

Miscellaneous applications, if any pending, shall stand closed.

SD/- P.C. SULEKHA DEVI
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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SECTION OFFICER

To,

1. The VI Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Nampally, Hyderabad.
2. The Station House Officer, Cyber Crime Police Station TGCSB Cyberbad
3. One CC to SRI. KALLU NISHWITHA 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: 06/05/2026

ORDER

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DISMISSING THE CRIMINAL PETITION

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