

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

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.8082 OF 2026

DATE OF ORDER:-04.06.2026

BETWEEN :

Azmeera Savithri

...Petitioner/Accused No.2

AND

The State of Telangana,
Represented by its Public Prosecutor,
High Court at Hyderabad for the State of Telangana,
Through Station House Officer, Mahabubabad Town Police
Station, Mahabubabad District.

... Respondent/De facto Complainant

ORDER :

This Criminal Petition is filed under Section 482 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for short, "BNSS"), seeking grant of pre-arrest bail to the petitioner, who is arrayed as accused No.2 in Crime No.135 of 2026 on the file of Mahabubabad Town Police Station, Mahabubabad District, registered for offences punishable under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 316(5) read with 3(5) of BNS, Section 5 of Telangana Protection of Depositors of Financial Establishment Act, 1999 and Section 76 of Chit Fund Act, 1982.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner as well as learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent -State.

3. The brief facts of the case are that in the complaint lodged by the *de-facto* complainant, it is stated that accused No.1 was running a registered Chit Fund Company viz., “Om Srimannarayana Chit Fund Private Limited” and that accused No.2 is the Chairman of the said chit fund company and in furtherance of common intention, the accused Nos.1 and 2 i.e., petitioners herein committed fraud by deceitful means against the de-facto complainant and other general public and siphoned the amounts at large by running chit funds and thereby defrauded the innocent victims. Basing on the same, the respondent police authorities have registered a case.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner/accused No.2 would contend that the petitioner/accused No.2, who is the wife of the Managing Director/accused No.1 has no active participation in the activities of Chit Fund Company and the entire affairs of the chit fund company are being look after by the accused No.1.

5. Per contra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposed the same and would contend that even a registered chit fund company defrauding its innocent persons under Section 5 of Telangana Protection of Depositors of Financial Establishment Act, 1999 and provisions of the said Act, constitute punishments more than seven years, as such, it is not a fit case for grant of anticipatory bail.

6. Evidently, the accused No.1 was arrested by the respondent police authorities on 09.04.2026 and he was released by the orders of learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, at Mahabubabad vide CrI.P.No.327 of 2026 on 15.05.2026. The petitioner/accused No.2 though arrayed as Chairman of the Company, since, the petitioner No.1 has already enlarged on regular bail, the petitioner No.2 being a women, in the circumstances of the case, is entitled for grant of anticipatory bail, subject to the following conditions

(i) The petitioner/accused No.2 shall surrender before the respondent police authorities on or before 15.06.2026 and execute a personal bond for Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only) with two local sureties for like-sum each to the satisfaction of Mahabubabad Town Police Station, Mahabubabad District and on such surrender the petitioner/accused No.2 shall be enlarged on bail.

(ii) The petitioner/accused No.2 shall appear before the respondent-Police Authorities on every Sunday from 10.00 A.M. to 2.00 P.M. for a period of six weeks from enlargement from the judicial custody and shall cooperate with the Investigating Agency as and when she is directed to be present for investigation.

(iii) The petitioner/accused No.2 shall not hamper with the investigation and shall not in any way meddle with any of the witnesses and shall cooperate at all times whenever called by the Police for investigation.

iv) The petitioner/accused No.2 shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 480(3) of the BNSS.

(v) In the event of breach of any of the above conditions, the prosecution is entitled to file appropriate application for cancellation of bail granted to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is allowed.

Miscellaneous applications, pending if any, shall stand closed.

JUSTICE SUDDALA CHALAPATHI RAO

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