

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE U. DURGA PRASAD RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION No.5655 OF 2019

ORDER:

In this Criminal Petition, filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., the Petitioner/Accused No.1 seeks anticipatory bail in Crime No.65 of 2019 of Gudipala Police Station, Chittoor district, registered for the offences under Sections 403 and 409 of IPC.

2. The Petitioner/A-1 was working as a Branch Postmaster, Marakalakuppam Branch Post Office, Marakalakuppam village, Nangamangalam Sub-Post Office, Gudipala mandal. It is alleged that he opened a fictitious time deposit account in the name of Smt.Anuradha for Rs.90,000/- on 07.01.2017 and renewed for reinvestment on 10.05.2018 by giving a fictitious account number and utilized the said amount for his personal use without accounting for in the branch office account. Later, when the fraud has seen the light, it appears he has voluntarily credited the amount of Rs.2,10,000/- on 21.01.2019 in three instalments. Investigation is reportedly pending.

3. Having regard to the strong *prima-facie* accusation against the petitioner, this Court considers it not apposite to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, the Criminal Petition is dismissed. However, the petitioner/accused No.1 is directed to approach the concerned Court and seek for regular bail, in which case, the said

Court shall consider and dispose of the said petition, on merits, on the same day.

4. As a sequel, miscellaneous petitions pending, if any, in this case shall stand closed.

U.DURGA PRASAD RAO, J

Date:14.10.2019
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