

PRESS NOTE

T20I TRI-SERIES, 2018 CRICKET BETTING RACKET BUSTED - 05- PERSONS HELD, SEIZED NET CASH OF RS. 2,09,040/- ALONG WITH BETTING EQUIPMENT.

T20I Tri – Series between Zimbabwe, Australia and Pakistan is being played at Harare Sports Club, Harare in Zimbabwe. **Yesterday 5th match** was played between **Australia Vs Pakistan**. On **06-07-2018 early hours**, on a tip off, the Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, LB Nagar Zone Team along with Meerpet Police have conducted raid at Plot No.191, Road No.4, **Almasguda**. During raid police apprehended 2 betting organizers, 1 collection agent and 2 punters viz., **1) Babba Venkata Ratnam, 2) Maturi Hari Prasad Reddy 3) Bobba Sitaramaiah 4) Vadugu Veera Ajay Kumar, 5) Royyuru Nagaraju** and seized net cash of **Rs. 2,09,040/-** and other betting equipment at their instance.

Details of the accused persons:-		
1	:	Babba Venkata Ratnam S/o. B. Brahma Rao, age 35 yrs, Occ. Pvt. Employee, R/o. Flat No. 401, Ramesh Towers, Opp. Karur Vysya Bank, Nizampet, KPHB, Hyderabad. N/o. H.No. 3-46, Edupugallu (V), Kankipadu (M), Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Organizer)
2	:	Maturi Hari Prasad Reddy S/o. M. Subba Reddy, age 43 yrs, Occ. Business (Catering), R/o. Opp. Water Tank, Behind Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Venkatagiri, Yousufguda, Hyderabad. N/o. Binginapally (V), Singaraikonda (M), Prakasham District, Andhra Pradesh. (Organizer)
3	:	Bobba Sitaramaiah S/o. B. Brahma Rao, age 38 yrs, Occ. Pvt. Employee, R/o. H.No. 3-46, Edupugallu (V), Kankipadu (M), Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Collection Agent)
4	:	Vadugu Veera Ajay Kumar S/o. V. Kantha Rao, age 27 yrs, Occ. Car Driver, R/o. Flat No. 401, Ramesh Towers, Opp. Karur Vysya Bank, Nizampet, KPHB, Hyderabad. N/o. HNo. 6-6-1, Kala Bhavan Street, Bhimavaram (M), Beside Over Bridge, West Godavari District. (Punter)
5	:	Royyuru Nagaraju S/o. R. Srinivas Rao, age 27 yrs, Occ. Pvt Employee in Petrol Pump, R/o. R/o. Flat No. 401, Ramesh Towers, Opp. Karur Vysya Bank, Nizampet, KPHB, Hyderabad. N/o. HNo.1-18, Edupugallu (V), Kankipadu (M), Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh. (Punter)

Seized Property:-		
Sl No	Name of the Item	Qty
1	Net Cash	Rs.2,09,040/-
2	Communicators	02 Nos
3	Laptops	04 Nos
4	Tele Visions	02 Nos
5	Cell Phones	13 Nos
6	Airtel Digital Setup Boxes	02 Nos
7	Mikes	03 Nos
8	Spikes	02 Nos
9	Wireless Mouse	01 Nos
10	Honda Activa (Br. No. TS08FJ7657 with Original RC)	01 Nos
11	Credit Cards	02 Nos
12	Debit Cards	05 Nos
13	Driving Licence (Original).	01 Nos
14	Voter ID cards	01 Nos
15	Aadhar Cards	02 Nos

Brief Facts:-

The accused Venkata Rathnam hails from **Kankipadu** of Krishna District he worked as Cashier in wine shop at Vijayawada, he used to play online cricket betting over his mobile phone by installing apps like **Cricket Mazza Live Line, Betacular** which are available on Google Play store. In the month of December 2017, he migrated to Hyderabad and hatched a plan to organize cricket betting unit and procured two Communicators of 16 Channels & 20 Channels through e commerce website for Rs.86,000/-, which was delivered to him at Nizampet, KPHB Address, Hyderabad. He obtained 22 to 25 sim cards on different names and is organizing cricket betting at premises Plot No.191, Road No.4, Almasguda, accepting betting over cell phones from known punters in an organized manner and also provides line phone connections to share updated betting rates to other bookies in Hyderabad and other places of A.P. on commission basis and earning easy money illegally. They procured (2-Line boxes of Communicator model M111 & A111, equipped with 16 & 20 cell phones each, Laptops, several cell phones, mikes, voice recorder facilitated mobiles exclusively VIVO Y21L etc. The Phones are all in auto answering mode and attending calls and hearing to different calls is controlled by the volume control in the line box. There is a continuous recording apparatus which will record all conversations.

The accused persons obtained SIM cards with the help of locals from Kankipadu, Poranki and Benz Circle of Vijayawada by providing fake names and address proofs and have been using the same in cricket betting conversations and insisting punters to put the betting amounts on particular teams and earning easy money illegally. He installed **Cricket Exchange (Live Line) APP** on his personal mobiles from where he is getting betting information through Cricket Exchange app which shows match details. The betting amounts is being deposited in the bank account (SBI) of B. Venkata Ratnam through online, ATM Cash Deposit. The Bobba Sitaramaiah used to collect the betting amount.

The above raids were conducted under the supervision of **Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat, IPS.**, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Commissionerate by **Syed Rafeeq**, Addl. Dy. Commissioner of Police, Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, Sri **A. Manmohan**, Inspector of Police, Meerpet Police Station, **Sri T. Ravi Kumar**, Inspector of Police, **Sri Y. Laxminarayana**, **Sri B. Satyanarayana**, SIs and the staff of Special Operations Team, Rachakonda along with local police.



