

PRESS NOTE

ONLINE CRICKET BETTING RACKET BUSTED - SOT RACHAKONDA NABBED ONE CRICKET BETTING ORGANIZER - SEIZED NET CASH RS.15,70,000/-, (4) MOBILE PHONES, (8) CREDIT CARDS OF DIFFERENT RECOGNIZED PRIVATE BANKS AND A MARUTHI SUZUKI BALENO CAR FROM HIS POSSESSION APART FROM GETTING (9) BANK ACCOUNTS PERTAINING TO HIM AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS FROZEN HAVING BALANCE AN AMOUNT OF RS.69,63,603/- .ALL WORTH OF SEIZED PROPERTY IS Rs.95,33,603/-.

On 04.08.2021 at evening hours, on receipt of credible information, the sleuths of SOT LB Nagar zone of Rachakonda Commissionerate busted the online/off line cricket betting, apprehended its organizer namely Shaik Sadiq, R/o Achampet town of Nagarkurnool district and seized net cash Rs.15,70,000/-, (4) mobile phones, (8) credit cards of different nationalized banks and a Maruthi Balleno car from his possession, apart from getting his nine bank accounts existing in Yes Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC bank and ICICI bank and having the total cash balance Rs.69,63,603/-. Total worth of seized property is Rs.95,33,603/-.

**CR.NO.412/2021 U/S3&4 OF TS GAMING ACT OF SAROORNAGAR PS,
RACHAKONDA POLICE COMMISSIONERATE**

DETAILS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Shaik Sadiq s/o Jahangir, age; 25 years, Occ; Business, R/o Achampet town of Nagarkurnool district, presently residing at H.No. 10-1-66/8/3, Road No-5, Thapovan colony, Saroornagar, Ranga Reddy District.

SEIZURES :

- 1) Net Cash Rs.15,70,000/-.
- 2) Freezing of bank accounts pertaining to the accused and his family members containing the balance an amount of total Rs.69,63,603/- (Yes Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC bank and ICICI bank)
- 3) Mobile phones – (4),
- 4) Credit cards of various banks – 08,
- 5) Maruthi Suzuki Baleno car bearing no.TS-31-B-6143,
- 6) Apple watch (Series-6)
- 7) Amount counting machine

Total worth about Rs.95,33,603/- (Ninety-five Lakhs thirty-three thousand, six hundred and three rupees only)

BRIEF FACTS:

The accused Shaik Sadiq is a native of Achampet town of Nagarkurnool district. About five years ago, he migrated to Hyderabad and organizing online cricket betting by staying in different places in Hyderabad in order to earn easy money. In fact, there are several online cricket betting sites available. Apart from it, some miscreants also developed specific apps for this illegal activity and the interested punters participate in the online cricket betting directly and indirectly by using specific mobile apps and online cricket betting sites. Thus, the accused Sadiq has become sub-organizer to run the cricket betting by getting IDs from the bookies who actually organize this illegal activity through online mode.

As per the version of accused, the actual organizers designed several online cricket betting sites styled as '**UB UAE BET**', '**8TEAM**' and '**MB MAX INPLAY BET**' etc., which are available on internet. The accused subscribes and signs in into such sites by creating an account using his personal details and gets user id and password from the bookies by paying an amount of Rs.10,000/-. Once the accused gets user id and password, it validates for a period of one month. Then, he gets joined the interested punters by contacting them on social media, as well as by his known persons. When any cricket league is scheduled, the accused sends a link to the punters who inturn subscribe the link and bet the money as they desirous on such ongoing match by sending the amount to the bank account of the accused Sadiq.

Actually, the punters do not have direct link with the original organizers/ bookies. They shall make each and every transaction with the accused only. After collecting money from the punters, he too individually plays the cricket betting. As per the existing method in this illegal activity, the punters can bet on different odds i.e., toss winning, ball to ball and match winning etc. Further, they can bet money from Rs.1000/- onwards as per their feasibility. While the match is going on also, the punter can change their option. The entire transaction of this illegal activity goes on by online mode.

The accused became a professional in cricket betting, except one or two bets, he wins the maximum bets. After completion of the match, he remits the amount from his account to the winning punters basing on the points earned by the individuals after deducting his commission @ 30 %. Similarly, he too gets the winning amount to his accounts from the actual organizers. For this illegal activity,

the accused has been using the different accounts existing in the recognized private banks like Yes Bank, Axis Bank, HDFC Bank and ICICI bank in favour of himself and his family members.

So far the accused organized the online betting for several past cricket matches. Likewise ,yesterday i.e on 04.08.2021 evening, while the accused was organizing this illegal activity on the Australia Vs Bangladesh second T-20 match and India Vs England test match at his temporary residence i.e. H.No. 10-1-66/8/3, Road No-5, Thapovan colony, Saroornagar, on receipt of credible information , the sleuths of SOT LB Nagar zone along with Saroornagar Police raided on H.No. 10-1-66/8/3, Road No-5, Thapovan colony, Saroornagar and caught him, seized the net cash Rs.15,70,000/- and other property as mentioned above and handed him over along with the seized property to the PS Saroornagar. In pursuance of the confession of the accused and on verification of all his bank accounts, it is noticed that as on today, an amount of total Rs.69,63,603/- is available, which he earned by this illegal activity. As such, all his bank accounts will get frozen.

The above arrests were made under the supervision of Sri Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda Commissionerate, Sri G.Sudheer Babu, IPS., Addl. Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda under the direct guidance of Sri J.Surender Reddy, Deputy Commissioner of Police, SOT, Rachakonda by Sri T.Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, SOT LB Nagar zone, Sri A.Seetharam, Inspector of Police Saroornagar PS, Sri T.Avinash Babu SI of Police & staff of SOT LB Nagar Zone.







