

PRESS NOTE

ONLINE CRICKET BETTING RACKET BUSTED - SOT RACHAKONDA NABBED ONE CRICKET BETTING ORGANIZER - SEIZED NET CASH RS.10,16,000/-, (5) MOBILE PHONES, (11) DEBIT CARDS OF DIFFERENT NATIONALIZED BANKS FROM HIS POSSESSION APART FROM GETTING HIS (4) BANK ACCOUNTS FROZEN HAVING THE BALANCE AN AMOUNT OF RS.19,89,490/-. TOTAL WORTH OF SEIZED PROPERTY IS Rs.30,55,490/-.

On 22.04.2021 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 Bantu Rajesh of Malakpet, Hyderabad and seized the net cash Rs.10,16,000/-, (5) mobile phone and (11) debits cards of various banks from his possession, apart from getting his four bank accounts existing in Yes Bank, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank. Total worth of seized property is Rs.30,55,490/-.

**CR.NO.215/2021 U/S 3 & 4 OF TS GAMING ACT OF SAROORNAGAR PS,
RACHAKONDA POLICE COMMISSIONERATE**

DETAILS OF ACCUSED PERSONS:

1. Bantu Rajesh s/o Ramulu, age; 28 years, Caste; Mudiraj, Occ; Business, R/o Flat No.105, Venu Mansion Apartments, TV tower, Saleem Nagar, Malakpet, Hyderabad, N /o Miryalaguda town of Nalgonda district.

SEIZURES :

- 1) Net Cash Rs.10,16,000/-.
- 2) Freezing of bank accounts of accused containing the balance an amount of Rs.19,89,490/- (Yes Bank, Axis Bank, Indusind Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank)
- 3) Mobile phones – (5),
- 4) Debit cards of various banks – 11,

All Worth about Rs.30,55,490/- (Thirty Lakhs fifty-five thousand four hundred and ninety rupees only)

BRIEF FACTS:

The accused Bantu Rajesh is a native of Miryalaguda town, Nalgonda district. He completed B-Tech in EEE branch in the year 2015. About four years ago, he migrated to Hyderabad and worked for some period with Infinite constructions Pvt. Ltd., by staying in a rented house in Venu Mansion Apartments, TV tower, Saleem Nagar,

Malakpet. But, since he was unable to lead his life lavish by the means of his private job, about three years ago, he started participating in online cricket betting as a punter. Subsequently, he became an agent to the bookies who actually organize this illegal activity.

As per the version of accused, the actual organizers designed a channel styled as '**FERRARI LINE**' and made it available in Telegram social medial app, and now this channel was subscribed by nearly (15) Lakhs people. In fact, once the interested people subscribed this channel, the organizers send a link to its subscribers when any cricket

league like IPL in India, CPL (Caribbean Premier League) in West Indies & Big bash league in Australia is scheduled. In order to make the process easy, the organizers appoint some reliable and long participants like the accused Bantu Rajesh as their agents in certain identified areas and big cities. The agent gathers the subscribers from their contact list, as well as through their known persons. When any cricket league is scheduled and the organizers of Ferrari line send the link for betting, the local agent creates ID number for each punter and forwards the same to the organizers through same link. Then, the organizers send the details of bank accounts to the agent with instructions to deposits the betting amount collected from the punters. After completion of the match, the organizers remit the amount to the winning punters basing on the points earned by the individuals. During this process, the organizers mainly use the private banks accounts like ICICI, AXIS and HDFC etc.

Further, the punters participate in this illegal activity can bet on different odds i.e., toss winning and match winning etc., and they can bet the money from Rs.1000/- onwards as per their feasibility. While the match was going on also, the punter can change their option. The entire transaction of this illegal activity will go on only by online mode. The local agent collects the amount from the punters by cash and by digital payment mode using google pay, phone pay and paytm etc. Subsequently, he transfers the same to the bank accounts provided by the main organizer. For which, the agent takes the commission of 10 % from the total amount collected for a match.

Thus, on making proper study on this illegal activity, the accused Bantu Rajesh became one of the local agents in Hyderabad City to the Ferrari line channel, which is an illegal online cricket betting channel and he runs this illegal activity from a rented room located under the limits of Saroornagar PS. Similarly, in view of the **Royal Challengers Bangalore Vs Rajasthan Royals** match held on the night of 22.04.2021, the accused Bantu Rajesh run this illegal activity.

But while this illegal activity was going, the sleuths of SOT LB Nagar zone along with Saroornagar Police raided on the rented room of accused, caught him redhandedly, seized the net cash Rs.10,16,000/- and other property as mentioned above. In pursuance of the confession of the accused, it has also come to know that he has been committing this illegal activity on regular basis from the last two years and earned huge amount. On the basis of his confession, when his bank accounts were verified, it also came to know that the accused has an amount of nearly (20) lakhs in his four accounts (existing in Yes Bank, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank) apart from the above seized net cash. As such, those 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, Supdt., of Police (NC), I/C of Special Operations Team, Rachakonda, by Sri T.Ravi Kumar, Inspector of Police, SOT LB Nagar zone, Sri A.Seetharam, Inspector of Police Saroornagar PS, Sri A.A Raju, SI of Police & staff of SOT LB Nagar Zone and Saroornagar PS.





