

## PRESS NOTE

### **TWO BOOKIES HELD BY SOT MALKAJGIRI ZONE FOR ORGANISING ONLINE BETTING RACKET IN RACHAKONDA COMMISSIONERATE AND SEIZED NET CASH 53 LAKHS AND FREEZED 21,82,254.00 LAKHS IN HIS AXIS BANK ACCOUNT ALL WORTH Rs.74,83,000.00**

On the tip off, the sleuths of SOT Malkajgiri Zone Rachakonda Commissionerate along with Neredmet Police apprehended two bookies cum agents 1. Chunnam Kiran 2. Aqueel and one punter Surrender for indulging in organizing online betting platforms such as Bet365, Betfair, 1Xbet, World777 etc. the bookies registered with online betting websites and secured agent code through their source from UK and providing username and password to the punters to play online betting by receiving amounts through net banking and are operating illegal online betting racket in Hyderabad. Seized- 53 lakhs cash, Mobile phones, tab and credit/debit cards from their possession.

**Cr.No. 723/2021 U/S 420 IPC, Sec. 3, 4, and 5 of Gaming Act of Neredmet PS.**

#### **Details of Accused Persons:-**

1. Chunnam Kiran S/o C. Kishan, Age: 40 years, Occ: Business, R/o: Plot no.19, SP Colony, Thirumalgiri, Secunderabad. **(Main Bookie cum Agent)**
2. Syed Aqueel Ahmed S/o Syed Khaja Mian, Age: 38 years, R/o: Plot no. 19, Sardar Patel Nagar Colony, Thirumalgiri, Secunderabad. **(Sub Bookie)**
3. Anegu Surrender Reddy S/o A. Balreddy, Age: 32 years, Occ: Business, R/o: H.No. 145, Ganesh Nagar, Kushaiguda. **(Punter) Lost 15 lakhs playing online betting**

**Brief facts of the Case:-** The Special Operation Team Malkajgiri Zone of Rachakonda Commissionerate busted an Online betting Racket and arrested two bookies and one punter for indulging in online betting and operating from Thirumalgiri, Neredmet. Police seized **53 lakhs** cash from the bookies, cell phones and tab.

Acting on specific information, today i.e. on 08/10/2021 SOT sleuths of Malkajgiri Zone laid a trap at RK Puram, Neredmet and apprehended Chunnam Kiran and Aqueel for conducting online betting with Betfair.com.

Betfair is an online gambling company headquarters at UK which operates the world's largest online betting exchange. It also offers a Sportsbook, online Casino, online Poker and online Bingo.

Chunnam Kiran, MBA Graduate and resident of Thirumalagiri, Secunderabad had been to UK/Srilanka on job visa in the year 2003 and worked in restaurants for some time and then he joined in a casino clubs as an observer on weekly salary basis of

1.5 lakh. He learnt about the online betting sites like Betfair.com, Bet365, and 1Xbet which are popular in UK and which are more in demand as most of the public are opting for online betting by registering online platforms. Chunnam Kiran also planned to become agent to earn money easily by way of online betting. As per his plan he required bank account and to conceal his identity he **float**ed one FAKE firm name as **Sreenidhi Soft Byte** and opened current account at Bangalore Axis bank in Indira Nagar area. Further through his source at UK he managed to become agent and created account in Betfair.com by paying 20 lakhs in advance for membership to bet online.

He secured punters who are interested in online betting and by taking advance payments through net banking apps and opening fresh accounts and providing username and password to the punters on 70-30% commission basis. Chunnam Kiran since 2018 he is operating online betting through mobile phones and nearly about more than thousand punters are in contact with him who are betting on online platforms on daily basis. As per his net banking crores of rupees transactions have taken place in his fake bank account. He maintains very low profile and never meets any punter directly for providing ID's or for collecting money and everything is done online. Further Chunnam Kiran employed his childhood friend Aqueel resident of Thirumalagiri to assist him in operating online betting racket and also operates Aqueel's bank account for online transfers. Aqueel also is in contact with punters directly over phone and provides them username and password. Both bookies are secretly and illegally operating online betting on sports, casino.

Further Chunnam Kiran used to frequently visit to Srilanka, UK and Goa for playing casino betting is in contact with 'n' number of bookies and very popular in Goa for operating online betting over Betfair and Bet365 sites. About few months back he employed four Nepal women who are well versed in operating online betting on sports and casino having previous experience of working in Srilanka brought them to Hyderabad and kept them in a flat at Rainbow Vistas, Moosapet, Kukatpally paying 30K rent every month on salary basis. Every day they will log in on Telegram app and send request messages to the subscribers to join for online betting as they are Agent of Betfair/Bet365 and will provide username and password to participate on online betting sites. Once if the punter is provided with username and password he can play online betting till the money he deposited with bookie gets exhausted. Again if the punter wants to bet and for username and password again he has to deposit money into agents account for obtaining **fresh** username and password. So, every day lakhs of rupees are being credited into the bookies accounts automatically from punters whenever they loose on betting.

Once if the punter bets Rs.10,000/- if he wins 10,000/- then the Bet365 will pay 7,000/- and 3,000/- by bookie to the punter. If the punter loses 10,000/- then 7,000/- will be credited into Bet365 company and 3,000/- will be credited into bookies account.

In a joint raid, the SOT Malkajgiri Zone and Neredmet Police apprehended two bookies and one punter. Seized net cash of 53 lakhs from them. Also seized one tab and five mobile phones, credit cards from their possession through which they are operating online betting racket in the limits of Rachakonda, Hyderabad and

Cyberabad. The punters revealed that they have lost lakhs/crores of rupees on betting transferring amounts through net banking to Chunnam Kiran's bank account.

We are also verifying how many fake firm accounts he has opened and operating and also 21, 82,254 Rupees is available in his fake account which we are informing to the bank officials to freeze the account.

We have also identified 'n' number of active punters who are playing online betting with Chunnam Kiran and will take action against them in due course of time. The bookies will be taken on Police custody for further investigation.

The above raids were organised under the direct supervision of Sri. Mahesh M Bhagwat, IPS., Commissioner of Police, Rachakonda, Sri G. Sudheer Babu, Addl. Commissioner of Police and by Kum. Rakshitha Murthy, IPS, Dy. Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri Zone, Sri J. Surender Reddy, Dy. Commissioner of Police, SOT Rachakonda, Inspector G. Naveen Kumar, SOT Malkajgiri Zone, Narsimha Swamy, Inspector Neredmet PS, Raju SI, SOT and the staff of Special Operations Team, Malkajgiri Zone and Neredmet police.







