PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY & SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, BANNING OF UNREGULATED DEPOSIT SCHEMES ACT UNDER SECTION 7(3) OF THE CENTRAL BUDS ACT (2019) PRESENT: SRI. SANJAY M KAUL IAS

HOME (SC) DEPARTMENT

No.SC3/138/2022/Home Dated, Thiruvananthapuram (31-07-2024)

Sub: Home Department - Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 - Provisional attachment of all movable & immovable properties of rONE INFO TRADE PRIVATE LIMITED- Orders Reissued

- Ref: 1. G.O(P) No. 69/2020/Home, dated 18.12.2020 published as S.R.O No.887/2020.
 - 2. G.O(Rt) No.2959/2020/Home, dated 22.12.2020 published as S.R.O No. 894/2020.
 - 3. Letter No. D1 67309/2022/MM, dated 16.08.2022 of the District Police Chief, Malappuram
 - 4. Proceedings No. SC3/138/2022/Home dated 17/01/2023.
 - 5. Letter No. DCTSR/10485/2020-C8 dated 01/07/2024 of the District Collector, Thrissur

ORDER

The District Police Chief, Malappuram as per reference 3 rd cited has furnished a report u/s 29 of Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act in respect of Crime No. 415/2022 Kondotty Police Station registered u/s 34 & 420 IPC and section 4 of Prize Chits and Money Circulation (Banning) Act, 1978 and 21(1)(2)(3) of Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019.

The case was registered against the Managing Director, Management and staff of rONE INFO TRADE PRIVATE LIMITED that the accused persons were operating unregulated deposit schemes and money circulation schemes through a company named rONE INFO TRADE PVT LTD and fraudulently gained an amount of ₹ 23,00,000 (23 Lakhs) from the complainants and conducted a money deposit scheme named weekly return of income in which they offered the depositors ₹ 27000/- rupees per week

for ten weeks (₹ 2,70,000) in between 6 months to 2 years from the date of deposit and offered RP bonus and 20% referral commission and other benefits. M/s rONE INFO TRADE PRIVATE LIMITED cheated the depositors by not returning deposits in stipulated time.

During the investigation it is found that the accused company was enrolling members into their scheme and the enrolled members in turn were offered commissions for enrolling new members into the scheme. In Tamil Nadu alone more than 2600 persons had deposited 2.5 crore in the scheme. The depositors are located in more than one state and the accused company had collected more than 46 Crore from around 34000 depositors spread across Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and other States.

Vide Proceedings read as 4th paper above the Competent Authority issued provisional attachment of all movable/immovable properties and all other deposits held by the Deposit Taker and the money or other property acquired either in the name of the deposit taker or in the name of any other person on behalf of the deposit taker.

As per section 14 of the BUDS Act application for confirmation of attachment and sale of property had to filed within 30 days which might extend up to 60 days before the Designated Court. But the District Collector, Thrissur vide letter read as 5th paper above reported that the exercise could not be completed within the stipulated time.

Accordingly, I, Sanjay M Kaul IAS, Competent Authority, BUDS Act 2019 have examined the matter again in detail and found that the accused have conducted a money deposit scheme and accepted deposits and have fraudulently defaulted in repayment to the depositors, thus amounting to an unregulated scheme. The deposit taker have accepted the deposits in contravention of section 3 of the BUDS Act read with section 21 and defaulted in repayment of such deposits.

I, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 7(3) of BUDS Act, 2019, reissue the proceedings read as 4th paper above to safeguard the interest of the innocent depositors, hereby attach all movable/ immovable properties and all other deposits held by the Deposit Taker and the money or other property acquired either in the name of the deposit taker or in the name of any other person on behalf of the deposit taker.

The Inspector General of Registration Department is hereby directed to freeze the sale/mortgage or any other transaction of immovable properties of the firm and the Deposit Taker. The Transport Commissioner, Motor

Vehicles Department is directed to seize all vehicles owned by the firm/deposit taker/its partners or allied firms and to take necessary steps to prohibit the transfer of registration of vehicles and to report to the respective District Collectors.

The Lead Bank Managers of all Districts concerned/Registrar of Cooperative Societies/General Managers of KSFE/ District Managers of KFC and all other financial institutions are directed to take necessary steps to freeze all the accounts of the financial institution and its allied firms. Police Authorities shall identify the accounts of the firm and the deposit takers and take action to freeze the accounts by intimating the provisional attachment orders to the respective Banks where the accounts are maintained. The Police shall also report the details of the current/ any future accused persons from time to time directly to the concerned District Collectors for provisionally attaching the properties within the stipulated time limit.

The District Collectors appointed as officers to assist the Competent Authority under section 7(2) of BUDS Act are directed to serve the copy of the provisional attachment to the owner of the property or any person who claims to be in possession of the property or any other person who has an interest in the said property and to prepare and maintain details of the properties so attached and the expenditure incurred in this regard in Form No. 2.

The District Collectors are further directed to publish the order of provisional attachment in a leading newspaper both in Malayalam and in English having wide circulation in the area or jurisdiction in which the deposit taker is located.

The District Collectors appointed as officers to assist the Competent Authority under section 7(2) of BUDS Act are directed to issue attachment orders separately against the properties of the accused and file application with particulars of the attachment effected before the Designated Courts constituted read as 2nd paper above, of the respective District, within the stipulated time of 30 days for making the provisional attachment absolute and for permission to sell the property so attached by public auction or, if necessary, by private sale according to section 14 of Central BUDS Act, 2019.

(Sd.) SANJAY M KAUL

Section Officer.

To:

The State Police Chief

All District Collectors

The Additional Director General of Police (Crimes)

The Inspector General of Police (EOW), PHQ

All District Police Chiefs

The Deputy Superintendent of Police, Crime Branch, Economic Offence Wing, Malappuram.

The Inspector General of Registration Department

The Transport Commissioner

Registrar of Co-operative Societies

General Managers of KSFE/District Managers of KFC/All Banks etc (through the District Collectors)

The Finance/ Law/Revenue/Taxes Departments

I & PR (Web & New Media) Department.

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