

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

HOME (SC) DEPARTMENT

SC3/25/2023-Home Dated, Thiruvananthapuram (01-07-2024)

Sub: Home Department - Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019 - Provisional attachment of all movable & immovable properties of Safe & Strong Business Consultants/ Safe & Strong Nidhi Limited and allied firms - Orders issued.

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. D3- 2555/2023/PHQ dated 10.02.2023 of the State Police Chief, Kerala.

4.Letter No. D1-2224/2023/RC dated 24.01.2023 from the District Police Chief, Thrissur City.

5.Letter No. D1 - 2077/2023/R dated 20.01.2023 from the District Police Chief, Thrissur Rural.

6.Proceedings No.SC3/25/2023/Home dated 01/03/2023.

7. Letter No. DCTSR/10485/2020-C8 dated 27/06/2024 from the District Collector, Thrissur.

ORDER

The State Police Chief as per letter read as third paper above has furnished report on the illegal deposit taking of M/s Safe & Strong Business Consultancy, Adam Bazar, Thrissur & Safe & Strong Nidhi Limited. The report states that around 86 crime cases have been registered at various Police Stations in Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Ernakulam Rural, Thrissur City, Thrissur Rural, Palakkad and Kannur City against Praveen K P @ Praveen Rana, Chairman and Managing Director of Safe & Strong Business Consultants/ Safe & Strong Nidhi Limited and allied firms. The details of some of the crime

cases registered against the firm are as follows:

1. Crime No. 43/2023 of Keezhvaipur PS, Pathanamthitta.
2. Crime No. 62/2023 of Mavelikkara PS, Alappuzha.
3. Crime No. 76/2023 & 44/2023 of Vaikom PS, Kottayam.
4. Crime No. 98/2023 of Kothamangalam PS, Ernakulam Rural.
5. Crime No. 29/2023 of Cherpu PS and other cases in Thrissur Rural.
6. Crime No. 432/2022 of Thrissur West PS and other cases in Thrissur City.
7. Crime No. 78 & 77 of Town North PS and other cases in Palakkad.
8. Crime No.124/2023 and other cases of Town PS, Kannur City.

The firm accepted deposits without any license or registration, violating Section 3 read with Section 21, and Section 5 of the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019, among other applicable sections. The accused Praveen K P @ Praveen Rana S/o K K Pushkaran, Kaippulli House, Veluthoor P O, Thrissur committed crimes violating the provisions of BUDS Act by accepting deposits pursuant to an unregulated scheme, so there is reason to proceed against M/s Safe & Strong Business Consultancy, Adam Bazar, Thrissur & Safe & Strong Nidhi Limited and allied firms and Praveen K P @ Praveen Rana S/o K K Pushkaran, Kaippulli House, Veluthoor P O, Thrissur and any other accused identified during the course of investigation under section 7(3) of BUDS Act.

Vide Proceedings read as 6th 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 be filed within 30 days which might extend up to 60 days before the Designated Court. But the District Collector, Thrissur vide letter read as 7th paper above reported that the exercise could not be completed within the stipulated time.

Accordingly, I, Sanjay M Kaul IAS, Competent Authority, have examined the matter again in detail and have a reason to believe that

the firm had accepted deposits without any licence /registration and the said act comes under the violation of section 3 r/w 21 and section 5 of the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act, 2019,

I therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under section 7(3) of BUDS Act, 2019, issue a fresh proceedings in conformity with the provision of section 14 of the BUDS ACT to safeguard the interest of the innocent depositors to 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 Co - operative 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 accused to the 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 file application with particulars of the attachment effected before the Designated Courts constituted as per 2nd paper read 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 BUDS Act, 2019.

(Sd.)

SANJAY M KAUL

Forwarded/By order

Section Officer.

To:

To:

All District Collectors

The State Police Chief

The Additional Director General of Police (Crimes)

The Inspector General of Registration Department

The Transport Commissioner

The Lead Bank Managers

Registrar of Co-operative Societies

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

The Accountant General(Audit/A&E)Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram

The Finance/ Law/Revenue/Taxes Departments

I & PR (Web & New Media) Department.

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