

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.264 OF 2025

SHREYAS TALPADE

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

WITH

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL)NO.300 OF 2025

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL)NO.366 OF 2025

O R D E R

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.264 OF 2025:

The petitioner is stated to be a distinguished and accomplished Actor, Director and Producer in Indian cinema both in Hindi and Marathi languages. He is stated to have earned critical acclaim as well as popular recognition for performances in various films.

Petitioner was a Brand Ambassador/Guest Celebrity at functions of one SAGA Group, founded and led by Mr. Sameer Aggarwal. The SAGA Group established various co-operative societies across India, including but not limited to the Loni Urban Multi-State Credit and Thrift Co-operative Society Limited('LUCC') and Human Welfare Credit Cooperative Society Limited('HWCC'), which enrolled people in chit-fund schemes.

These societies under the SAGA group, including LUCC, allegedly lured villagers with promises of doubling their investment in nine months. FIRs across the country are filed in that regard.

Petitioner contends that his role and relationship with the SAGA group was limited to attending events between 2018 and 2022 as Guest Celebrity wherein Achievers/Agents affiliated with co-operative Societies were felicitated.

Between December 2024-March 2025, various FIRs in different states were registered against the SAGA Group and its agents for multi-crore chit-fund scams in some of which the Petitioner has also been arrayed. Consequently, the petitioner has sought the following reliefs:

“In the facts and circumstances of the above case and on the basis of the above made submissions, it is respectfully submitted that this Hon’ble Court may kindly and graciously be pleased to-

A. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or Direction to Consolidate Proceedings arising out of multiple known/unknown FIRs/ Complaints/Proceedings lodged/initiated against Petitioner in different States till date, including following known FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings-

- i. FIR No.142 of 2024 registered at Kotwali Kotdwar Police Station, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.
- ii. FIR No.20 of 2025 registered at Gomti Nagar Police Station, District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.
- iii. FIR No.66 of 2025 registered at Julana Police Station, District Jind, Haryana.
- iv. FIR No.66 of 2025 registered at Srinagar Police Station, District Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh.

And all other FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings which may be lodged/initiated in future against the Petitioner on same Cause of Action of alleged involvement of the petitioner in the Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its Investors;

B. Direct consolidation and transfer of all the FIRs enlisted/mentioned in Prayer ‘A’ and all other FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings lodged/initiated against the Petitioner on same Cause of Action of alleged involvement of the petitioner in Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its Investors, which are not within the knowledge of the Petitioner, along with consequential investigations and proceedings, with FIR No.20/2025 registered at Gomti Nagar Police Station, District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, being the first known FIR registered against the Petitioner;

- C. Grant Anticipatory Bail to the Petitioner/No coercive steps against the Petitioner in all the FIRs enlisted/mentioned in Prayer 'A' and all other FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings lodged/initiated against the Petitioner on same cause of Action of alleged involvement of the Petitioner in Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its investors, which are not within the knowledge of the petitioner; and
- D. Pass any other order, directions as may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case."

Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties, we dispose of this Writ Petition by continuing the interim order granted by us *vide* order dated 21.07.2025, which for ease of reference is extracted as under, until the investigation into the offences alleged against the petitioner herein is completed:

"Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 29.08.2025.

No coercive steps shall be taken as against the petitioner herein only by the respondents till the next date of hearing vis-a-vis 1) FIR No.20 of 2025, Gomti Nagar Police Station, District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, 2) FIR No.66 of 2025 Srinagar Police Station, District Mahoba, Uttar Pradesh, 3) FIR No.66 of 2025 Julana Police Station, District Jind, and 4) FIR NO.142 of 2024 Kotwali Kotdwar Police Station, Paudi Garwal District."

With the aforesaid observations and directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.300 OF 2025:

We have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel for the respondents.

The petitioner is stated to be a partner of a company called Inclusive Management and Training Solutions LLP(LLP-AAD4010-PAN:AAFFI0898B). Being an ex-banker and having extensive experience of commercial banking and employee training, the petitioner had lent his services to the Loni Urban Multi-State Credit and Thrift Co-operative Society by an agreement dated 01.07.2022 for providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis. Similarly, he entered into the following agreements dated 01.07.2022 entered between the IMTS and LUCC:

- i. That the Petitioner is the Partner of a company Inclusive Management and Training Solutions LLP. It is stated that the Petitioner is an ex-banker having extensive experience of commercial banking, employee training and retail banking, and the LLP has a pool with diverse skill sets. It has entered into an agreement with the Loni Urban Multi-State Credit & Thrift Co-operative Society dated 01.07.2022 for providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis;
- ii. That the Petitioner's Company IMTS entered into agreement with Human Welfare Credit & Thrift Co-operative Society Limited on 01.07.2022 for

providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis;

- iii. That the Petitioner's Company IMTS entered into agreement with Shri Swami Vivekananda Multistate Co-operative Credit Society Limited on 01.07.2022 for providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis;
- iv. That the petitioner's Company IMTS entered into agreement with Shri Sarneshwar Credit Co-operative Society Limited on 01.07.2022 for providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis;
- v. That the Petitioner's Company IMTS entered into agreement with Lustiness Janhit Credit CO-operative Society Limited on 01.07.2022 for providing various advisory and operational support services on regular basis. ...”

It is stated that the services were extended by the petitioner to all these entities in his professional capacity and having regard to his professional skills and experience as a banker; however, the following FIRs have been registered in some of which petitioner is named as an accused and in respect of which, the following prayers have been sought:

- “a) Issue a writ clubbing of the following FIRs against the petitioner in various states throughout the Country to be brought together before any appropriate Investigating Agency/Court as deemed fit by this Hon'ble Court:
 - i. That a FIR No.142 dated 01.06.2024 was registered under Section 120B, 420, 467, 468, 471 IPC, 34 PIP Act, Section 21(3), 4, 22 BUDS

Act at Police Station Kotdwar, Distt. Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand.

- ii. That a FIR No.612 dated 18.07.2024 was registered under Sections 111, 318(4), 61(2), 352, 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station-Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- iii. That a FIR No.647 dated 26.07.2024, was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 352, 351(3), of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- iv. That a FIR No.686 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- v. That a FIR No.687 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station That an FIR No.688 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2) 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh;
- vi. FIR No.688 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- vii. That a FIR No.204, dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Jakhora, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh;
- viii. That a FIR No.261 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 111, 318, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Talbehat, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.

- ix. That a FIR No.236 dated 06.08.2024 was registered under Sections 111, 318 (4), 336(2), 340(2), 61(2) 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Mahroni, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- x. That a FIR No.231 dated 19.10.2024 was registered under Sections 468, 471, 467, 406, 420, 34 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Jakhaura, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- xi. That a FIR No.570 dated 03.11.2024 was registered under Sections 111, 318(4), 316(2), 6(1) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 6(1) of the Madhya Pradesh Nikeshpakon Ke Hiton Ka Sanrakshan, Adhiniyam, 2000 at Police Station Chanderi, Ashok Nagar, Madhya Pradesh.
- xii. That a FIR No.301 dated 07.11.2024 was registered under Sections 111, 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Jakhaura, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- xiii. That a FIR No.1086 dated 07.11.2024 was registered under Sections 340(2), 336(3), 111, 318, 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- xiv. That a FIR No.190 dated 11.11.2024 was registered under Sections 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 352, 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Narahat, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- xv. That a FIR No.1181 dated 05.12.2024 was registered under Sections 2/3 of the Uttar Pradesh Gangsters and Anti-Social Activities (Prevention) Act, 1986 at Police Station, Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.

- xvi. That a FIR No.0022 dated 22.01.2025 was registered under Sections 316(2), 318(2), 318(4) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Murthal, District, Sonipat, Haryana.
- xvii. That a FIR No.0069 dated 02.03.2025 was registered under Sections 318(4), 316(2), 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Rasulabad, Kanpur, Dehat, District Kanpur, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- xviii. That a FIR No.270 dated 10.03.2025 was registered under Sections 111, 318(4), 336(2), 340(2), 61(2), 352, 351(3) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 at Police Station Kotwali, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- b) Issue a writ of mandamus to the effect that no coercive process shall be taken against the Petitioner in connection with the FIRs mentioned in prayer (a) above so lodged or subsequent complaint or FIRs; and
- c) Pass such other and further order/orders as this Hon'ble Court may fit and proper in the interest of justice."

It is also stated that in the following FIRs, namely at Sl. Nos.7, 8, 14 and 15 of the counter affidavit, chargesheets have been filed by respondent No.2 State of U.P:

Sl. No.	Case Crime	Status of Investigation	Status of Trial	Status of Accused
7	FIR No.261/2024 regd at PS: Talbehat, Lalitpur Sections 111, 318, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2), 351(3) BNS	Chargesheet filed on 04.04.2025	Chargesheet quashed by the Hon'ble HC vide order dt. 19.11.2025	N.A.

8	FIR No.236/2024 regd at PS: Mahroni, Lalitpur Sections 111, 318(4), 336(2), 340(2), 61(2) BNS	Chargesheet filed on 25.02.2025	Appearance	On Bail
14	FIR No.270/2025 regd at PS:Kotwali, Lalitpur Sections 111, 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 61(2), 352, 351 (3) BNS	Chargesheet filed on 20.06.2025	Appearance	On bail
15	FIR No.69/2025 regd at PS: Rasulabad, Kanpur	Investigation ongoing	N.A.	Not arrested

It is also stated that FIR No. 570 dated 03.11.2024 registered at Police Station Chanderi, Ashok Nagar, Madhya Pradesh has also been quashed.

Further, it is stated that vide order dated 19.11.2025, the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad quashed the FIR and chargesheet in respect of FIR No.261/2024 lodged at Police Station Talbehat, Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh.

Having regard to the nature of services extended by the petitioner herein to the entities mentioned above in his professional capacity, we find that the interest of justice would be served if pending investigation into the aforesaid FIRs by the respondent-authorities, no coercive steps shall be taken as against the petitioner herein. The Writ Petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

The petitioner shall, however, cooperate with the investigation being conducted in relation to the aforesaid FIRs.

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NO.366 OF 2025:

The petitioner is stated to be a distinguished and widely respected Indian actor and producer with an unblemished public record and decades of contribution to Indian cinema and Television in Hindi language. He is stated to have earned critical acclaim as well as popular recognition for his performances in various films. The petitioner has sought following reliefs in the aforesaid writ petition:

“In the Conspectus of facts and circumstances stated herein above, it is most respectfully submitted that this Hon’ble Court may kindly and graciously pleased to:-

- A. Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ, Order or direction to Consolidate Proceedings arising multiple known/unknown FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings lodged/initiated against Petitioner in different States till date, including following known FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings;
 - i. FIR No.0020 of 2025 registered at Gomti Nagar Vistar Police Station, District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
 - ii. FIR No.0022 of 2025 registered at Murthal Police Station, District Sonipat, Haryana.

And all other FIRs/Complaints/Proceedings which may be lodged/initiated in future against the Petitioner on same Cause of Action of alleged involvement of the Petitioner in the Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its investors;

- B. Direct consolidation and transfer of all the FIRs enlisted/mentioned in Prayer 'A' and all other FIRs/ Complaints/Proceedings lodged/initiated against the Petitioner on same Cause of Action of alleged involvement of the Petitioner in Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its investors, which are not within the knowledge of the petitioner, along with consequential investigations and proceedings, with FIR No.20 of 2025 registered at Gomti Nagar Police Station, District Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Being the first known FIR registered against the Petitioner;
- C. Grant Anticipatory Bail to the Petitioner in all the FIRs enlisted/mentioned in Prayer 'A' and all other FIRs / Complaints/ Proceedings lodged / initiated against the Petitioner on same Cause of Action of alleged involvement of the Petitioner in Fraud committed by SAGA Group on its Investors, which are not within the knowledge of the Petitioner; and
- D. Pass such further order or orders as may be deemed fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice."

Having heard learned counsel for the respective parties, we dispose of this Writ Petition by continuing the interim order granted by us *vide* order dated 16.09.2025, which, for ease of reference, is extracted as under, until the investigation into the offences alleged against the petitioner herein is completed:

“Issue notice to the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is permitted to serve the standing counsel for respondent no.1/State.

In the meanwhile, no coercive steps shall be taken as against the petitioner herein vis-a-vis FIR No.20/2025 registered at Police Station - Gomti Nagar, District - Lucknow, U.P. and FIR No.22/2025 registered at Police Station - Murthal, Sonipat, Haryana.

Tag with Writ Petition (Crl) No.264/2025.”

With the aforesaid observations and directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

.....J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

.....J.
(R. MAHADEVAN)

**NEW DELHI;
DECEMBER 15, 2025.**