

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

Crl.O.P.No.9209 of 2020

B.Siva Kollappan

S/o.Late K.J.Bharathi Mohan

Flat No.D, Freesia Apartment,

Anand Nagar, 9th Cross street,

Thoraipakkam,

Chennai 600 097.

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by

The Inspector of Police,

J-7, Velachery Police Station,

Chennai - 600 042

Crime No.632 of 2020

Respondent

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PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.632 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : M/s.G.Abraham Prabhu

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,

Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 269, 294(b) and 353 of IPC in Crime No.632 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner is alleged to have travelled without wearing face mask during this Covid-19 pandemic situation and when the vehicle was intercepted the petitioner abused the police. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner had travelled without wearing face mask during this Covid-19 pandemic situation and when the vehicle was

intercepted the petitioner abused the police. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamil Nadu without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamil Nadu, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready and on such deposit the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned IX Judicial Magistrate, Saidapet on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of

the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamil Nadu and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court

himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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Index: Yes/No

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To

1. The learned IX Judicial Magistrate,
Saidapet.

2. The Inspector of Police,
J-7, Velachery Police Station,
Chennai - 600 042.

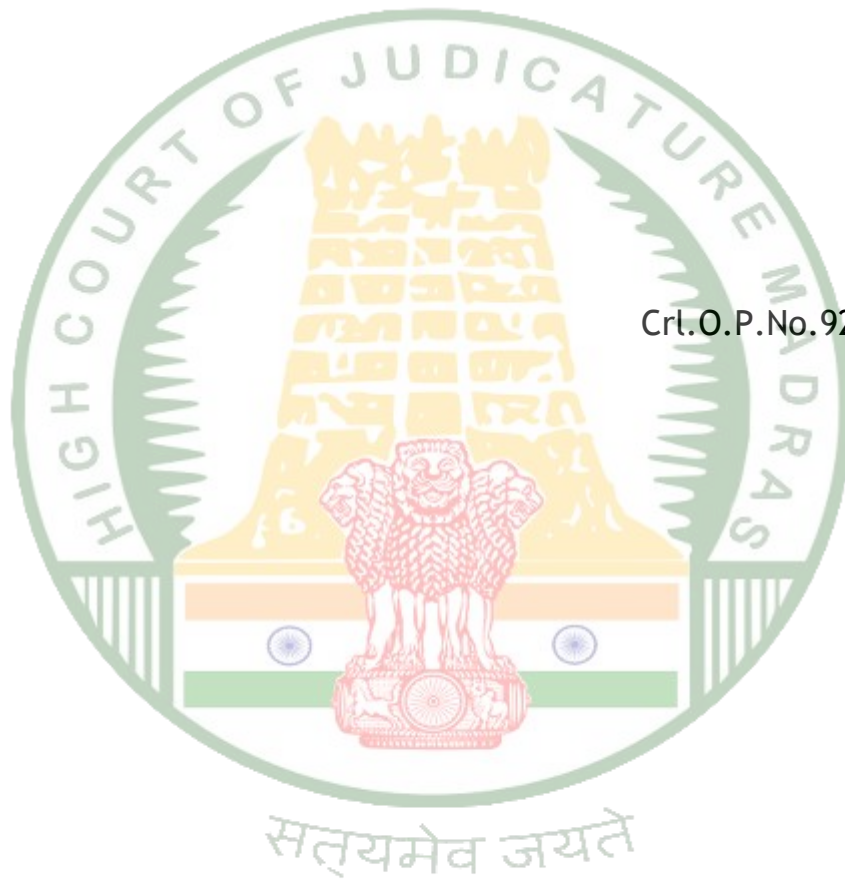
3. The Public Prosecutor,
Madras High Court,
Chennai.



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