

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CrI.O.P.No.10031 of 2020

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... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Edaiyur Police Station,
Tiruvarur District.
(Crime No.801 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.801 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Vijayaragavan

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 143, 341, 188, 270 and 336 of IPC and Section 3 of the Epidemic Diseases (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020, in Crime No.801 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner is a President of Village and he staged Dharna in front of Police Station to effect arrest of his political opponent, against whom, he lodged a complaint. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that petitioner is an innocent person and he gave complaint against one Johnson, who trespassed into the Panchayat Office and damaged office files laptop and tables, which was registered in Crime No.800 of 2020. But, initially there was no action taken by the respondent police against the said Johnson. The petitioner did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he is ready to abide any of the conditions that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner is a President of Village and he staged Dharna in front of the Police Station demanding arrest of his political opponent. Hence, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamilnadu, 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.

6. 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamilnadu, 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 Judicial Magistrate, Thiruthuraipoondi, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two blood related 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamilnadu, 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 two 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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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUTHURAIPOONDI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
THIRUVARUR [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
EDAIYUR POLICE STATION,
TIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

5 THE CHIEF JUSTICE REEF FUND TAMILNADU,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

CC to M/S. M.VIJAYARAGAVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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