

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.10155 of 2020

GOVINDARAJAN

... Petitioner/A1

Vs.

State Rep. by
Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch Police station,
Thiruvavur District.
Crime No. 03 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
by the respondent police in Crime No.3 of 2020, on the file of the
respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Swami Subramaniam

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections
406, 465, 467, 468, 471 and 420 of IPC in Crime No.3 of 2020, on the
file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and the
other accused persons by way of fabricating documents and
falsification of accounts had transferred a sum of Rs.7,69,017/-
belonging to the Panchayat to their personal account and cheated the
Panchayat. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit
that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely
implicated in this case. He would submit that he is a retired
Panchayat Clerk and his services were used by the president of the
village during the year 2020 and without his knowledge, an amount of
Rs.6,63,017/- had been transferred to his account. He would further
submit that the petitioner without prejudice to his contention had
re-deposited an amount of Rs.6,63,017/- to the account of the
Panchayat. He would also submit that the petitioner is aged about 72
years and he is prepared to cooperate with the investigation.
Therefore, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that there are totally 5 accused persons in which the petitioner is arrayed as A1. He would also submit that the main accused by using the user name and password of Central Financial Planning Fund, along with other accused had downloaded the form meant for transferring funds, submitted the same at the bank by forging the signature of the President and Vice President and transferred the amounts to their accounts and totally misappropriated the amount to the tune of Rs.7,69,017/-. He further submitted that the entire offence has been committed with the knowledge of the petitioner and later he had re-deposited. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances and the submissions made by the counsels and the entire case is borne out by documents and the fact that the petitioner is prepared to repay the balance amount to the Panchayat account, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance within a period of 15 days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Thiruvavur, Thiruvavur District, 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 report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter every Monday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

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

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

[e] 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].

[f] If the accused thereafter abscond/s, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

7. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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13/07/2020

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUVARUR, THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
DISTRICT CRIME BRANCH POLICE STATION,
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

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

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