

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 11.09.2020

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.12450 of 2020

P. Sandirasegarane,
S/o. Perumal

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep by its
The Inspector of Police (Cyber Crime),
Puducherry.
(Crime No. Not known of 2020) ...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No. Not Known of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M. Gnanasekar
For Respondent : Mr.V. Balamurugane
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 499 of I.P.C. and 67 of Information Technologies Act, 2000, in Crime No. Not Known of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant Thiru. Anilkumar, Inspector of Police is that during March 2020, the petitioner had posted derogatory speech through social media against the defacto complainant. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned Counsel 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 the petitioner is a Government servant and also a social worker. He would further submit that the petitioner has also filed an affidavit of undertaking before this Court stating that he will not post any content against the defacto complainant in future. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner had posted derogatory speech through social media against the officers, who are genuinely doing their work. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsel and the affidavit of undertaking filed by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions;

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Puducherry, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate 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 every day at 10.30 a.m. for a period of four 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, 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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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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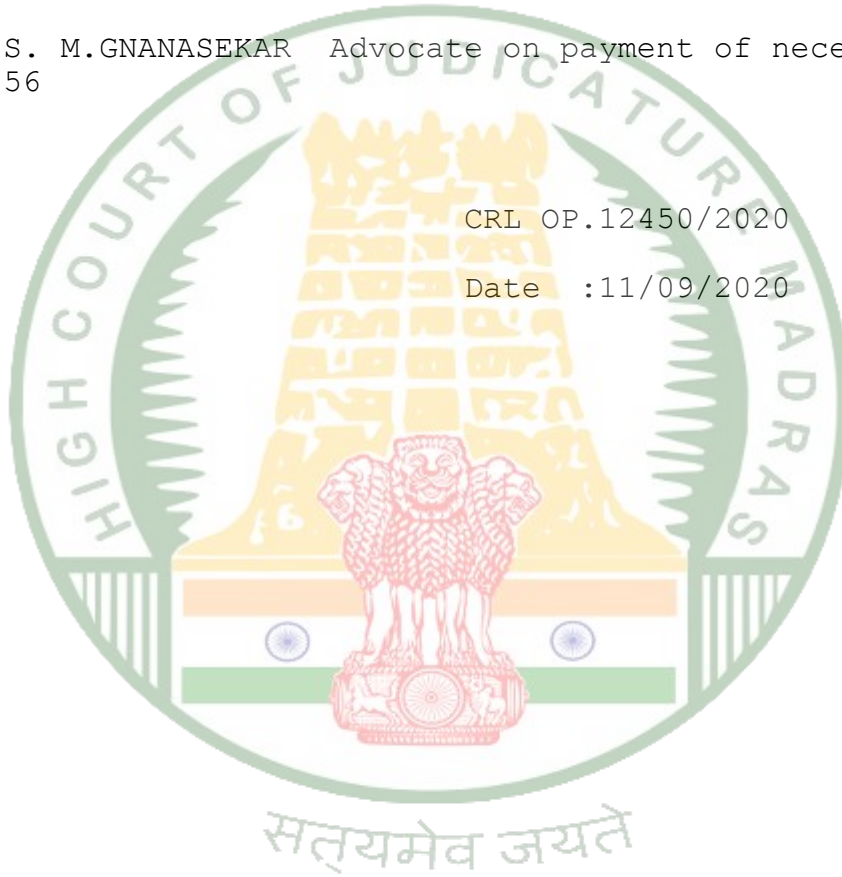
1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
PUDUCHERRY

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
PUDUCHERRY

3 STATE REP. BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE (CYBER CRIME),
PUDUCHERRY.

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