

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.08.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.12789 of 2020

Sekar M/A 42 years,
S/o.Ponnusasi,
204, Sengamedu,
Sendamangalam (P.O),
Mannargudi Taluk,
Thiruvarur District.

... Petitioner/Single Accused

Vs.

The State represented by:
The Inspector of Police,
Vikarapandiyam Police Station,
Tiruvarur District.
(Crime No.377 of 2020)

... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No. 377 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jayachandran

For Respondent : Mr.K.Prabakar

Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(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 294(b), 341, 352, 353, 506(i) of IPC, in Crime No.377 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2 The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant, who is a Panchayat President was laying a water pipe line, the petitioner had obstructed the work, abused him and prevented him from performing official work. 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 due to a political motive and that there is no previous case pending against him. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4 The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that when the defacto complainant, who is a Panchayat President was laying a water pipe line, the petitioner had obstructed the work, abused him and prevented him from performing official work. He would further submit that there is no previous case pending against him.

5 Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners subject to the following conditions;

6 Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of his arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Mannargudi, on condition that 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 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 absconds, 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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21/08/2020

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

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.II, MANNARGUDI

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VIKARAPANDIYAM POLICE STATION,
TIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

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

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RD 10/09/2020

Date :21/08/2020

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