

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.12.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.16660 of 2020

C.Vijayamareesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police (L &O),
Rasipuram Police Station,
Namakkal.

...Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of her arrest in connection with Crime No.1033 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Manivasagan

For Respondent : Mr. M. Mohamed Riyaz,
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 publishable under Sections 153, 353 504, 505(2) and 506(i) of IPC in Crime No.1556 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant namely Loganathan, who is the Sanitary Inspector of Rasipuram Municipality, is that in an abusive manner the petitioner had uploaded the video clips in social media criticizing the covid preventive action taken by the defacto complainant and other Government Officials. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and a false case has been foisted against him. He further submitted that the petitioner had filed an affidavit of undertaking before this Court expressing remorse. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that in an abusive manner the petitioner had uploaded the video clips in social media criticizing the covid preventive action taken by the defacto complainant and other Government Officials. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending as against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsel and that the petitioner has filed an affidavit of undertaking expressing his remorse, 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 his arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the copy of the order is made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Namakkal, 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 every day at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter every Monday at 10.30 a.m., until further order.

[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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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.

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

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NAMAKKAL

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
NAMAKKAL(FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
(L AND O),RASIPURAM POLICE STATION,
NAMAKKAL.

CC to M/S.M. MANIVASAGAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges Sr.8164

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