

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.12.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.NIRMAL KUMAR

Cr1.O.P.No.18361 of 2020

Elangovan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep. By
The Inspector of Police
Kannankurichi Police Station
Salem City
Salem District
Crime No.1068 of 2020

.. Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.1068 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Vasudevan

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz
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 under Sections 7(1), 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act and Section 420 IPC, in Crime No.1068 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found to be in illegal possession of 20 lottery tickets which was banned by the Government for sale. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. On instruction, he would further submit that taking into consideration of the Covid pandemic situation, the petitioner without prejudice to his defence, is prepared to make considerable donation to any charitable Organization or Association, Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. In order to curb the illegal activities and taking into consideration the voluntary submission made by the petitioner offering to donate/pay considerable amount to any charitable organization or association, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) as non-refundable deposit through RTGS/NEFT in favour of the Cancer Institute (WIA) (Regional Cancer Centre), Adyar, Chennai-600 020, bearing A/c No.149710011005477, Andhra Bank, Madhya Kailash Branch, and on such payment and production of proof, he shall be released on bail, in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Salem**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, 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] Merely, because the petitioner deposit 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.

[b] 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.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m until further orders.

[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.

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,
NO.IV, SALEM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SALEM [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KANNANKURICHI POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

5 THE CANCER INSTITUTE (WIA) (REGIONAL CANCER CENTRE),
ADYAR, CHENNAI-600 020,
BEARING A/C NO.149710011005477,
ANDHRA BANK, MADHYA KAILASH BRANCH

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

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