



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 20/11/2020

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PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

CRL OP(MD).No.12358 of 2020

1.Lakshmana Gounder @ Lakshmana Perumal

2.Annalakshmi

... Petitioners/Accused Nos.2&3

Vs

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Thirumangalam,
Madurai District.
Crime No.22 of 2020

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners: Mr.S.Mahendrapathy, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Erottuchamy,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Section 438 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.22 of 2020 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who are arrayed as Accused Nos. 2 & 3, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under sections 9 and 10 of Child Marriage Act, 1929 and Sections 5(1), 6, 16, 17 of POCSO Act, in Crime No.22 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the marriage was held between one Kavitha aged about 16 years with the petitioner's son namely Mariyappan/A1 on 24.06.2020 in the temple and the same was came to the knowledge of the defacto complainant and verified the same and hence the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the Special Court for POCSO Act, Madurai, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each with common surety for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a)the petitioners 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 morning at 10.00 a.m., without fail, for a period of four weeks and thereafter as on when required for interrogation;

(c)the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d)the petitioners 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]; and;

(f)if the accused/petitioners thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.



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TO

1. THE JUDGE,
SPECIAL COURT FOR POCSO ACT,
MADURAI.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
THIRUMANGALAM,
MADURAI DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER

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