



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.12.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.22943 of 2021

1. Vijai
2. Anjalai
3. Subramaniyan
4. Chithira

... Petitioners

Versus

The State rep by
The Inspector of Police
Veppur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No.597 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.597 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Selvam

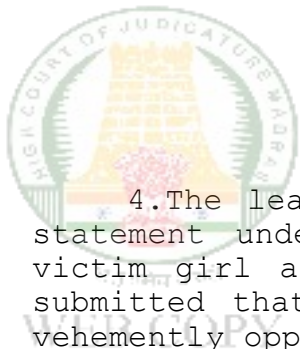
For Respondent : Mr.N.S.Suganthan
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 9, 10, 11 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act in Crime No.597 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners had attempted to arrange marriage between the first petitioner and the minor victim girl. Based on the complaint was given by the Social Welfare Officer, Cuddalore, a case has been registered.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



4. The Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the statement under Section 164 of Cr.P.C has been recorded from the victim girl and the victim girl has also been secured. He further submitted that the investigation is almost completed. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Vridhachalam, on condition that the petitioners 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 and on further condition that:

(a) if the petitioners fail to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(c) the petitioners 1 and 3 shall report before the respondent police on every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders and the petitioners 2 and 4 shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

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

(e) the petitioners 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 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;

(g) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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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.I, VRIDHACHALAM, .

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VEPPUR POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1 CC to M/S.M.SELVAM Advocate on payment of necessary charges
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