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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.12.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.25347 of 2021

Sugunavathi

...Petitioner

Versus

State rep by  
The Inspector of Police  
Meensurutti Police Station,  
Ariyalur District.  
(Crime No.107 of 2018)

...Respondent

**PRAYER:** Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of her arrest in Crime No.107 of 2018 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Parthikannan

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

#### ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Section 135(1)(a) of Electricity Act 2003, in Crime No.107 of 2018, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was stealing electricity by putting a hook directly from the electricity line. Further, the petitioner has refused to pay the fine amount. Hence, the complaint was registered.

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



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He further submitted that the investigation is almost completed. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner 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 petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate-II, Jayankondam, Ariyalur District**, 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 and on further condition that:

(a) if the petitioner 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 petitioner 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.**

(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]***; 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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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,  
NO.II, JAYANKONDAM, ARIYALUR DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
ARIYALUR DISTRICT. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
MEENSURUTTI POLICE STATION,  
ARIYALUR DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S P.PARTHIKANNAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.15482

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