



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 03/02/2021

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD)No.515 of 2021

1. M.Ajithkumar
2. M.Vijayan
3. Natheesh @ Nathees Prabhu ... Petitioners/Accused No.3 to 5

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Odaipatti Police Station,
Theni District.
Crime No.538 of 2020

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.Gunasekaran.P, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Srinivasan,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory bail in Crime No.538 of 2020 on the file of the Respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 366 IPC and Section 6 of POCSO Act and Sections 10 and 9 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 in Crime No.538 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the first accused in this case had love affair with the defacto complainant's minor daughter and they have eloped with the help of the other accused, who are all friends of the first accused. Hence, the present 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. He further submitted that there is nothing against the petitioners herein in the 164 Cr.P.C. statement of the victim. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), appearing for the respondent police submitted that the investigation is pending.

5.Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that there is nothing against the petitioners in the 164 Cr.P.C., statement of the victim, 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 learned Mahila Court, Theni on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only)each with two sureties each 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 petitioners shall appear before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and 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,
MAHILA COURT,
THENI.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ODAIPATTI POLICE STATION,
THENI DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
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