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

Date : 25/01/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD). No.989 of 2021

Stephen Lobo @ Stephenraj Lobo ... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

State Rep. by
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Thiruchendur Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.346/2020). ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Ramesh Arumugam.N.,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.M.V.Chandrasekaran,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.346/2020 on the file of the respondent police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who is arrayed as A1, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 341, 294(b), 447, 427, 323, 324, 506(ii) IPC and Section 4 of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, in Crime No.346 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and A2 compelled the defacto complainant to join one political party and the defacto complainant refused the same. Due to that motive, the petitioner along with A2, attacked the defacto complainant and his mother and also trespassed into the house of the defacto complainant and damaged the household articles, worth about Rs.55,000/-. Hence, the present complaint.



3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that due to some previous enmity, the defacto complainant preferred a false complaint and the co-accused/A2 in this case was already granted anticipatory bail in Crl.O.P.(MD)No.10251 of 2020, dated 28.09.2020. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner and A2 compelled the defacto complainant to join one political party and the defacto complainant refused the same. Due to that motive, the petitioner along with A2, attacked the defacto complainant and his mother and also trespassed into the house of the defacto complainant and damaged the household articles. Now, the injured person discharged from the hospital.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the injured person discharged from the hospital, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

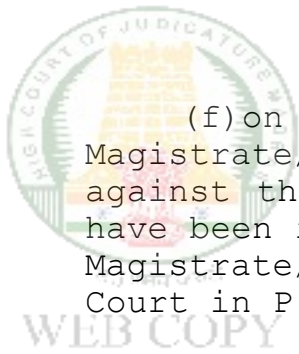
7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Tiruchendur, Thoothukudi District, on condition that the petitioner shall 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 to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioner 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;

(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/petitioner thereafter absconds, 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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUCHENDUR, TUTICORIN DISTRICT.
- 2 DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TUTICORIN DISTRICT.
- 3 THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
THIRUCHENDUR POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER
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