



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

Date : 09/02/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD). No.1702 of 2021

1. Vinothkumar
2. Kasthoori
3. Bharathiraja
4. Chandran @ Chandrasekar
5. Sakthi @ Sathriyan
6. Prabhu
7. Vaisnavi @ Vaisnadevi
8. Udhyakavi
9. Mariammal
10. Ariyadoss @ Ariyaraaj
11. Manikandan
12. Pon Kaliswaran ... Petitioners/Accused No.1, 2, 4 to 13

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Keelathooval Police Station,
Ramnad District.
(Crime No.21/2021).

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners: Mr.D.Venkatesh,
Advocate.

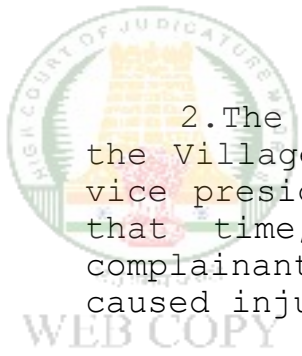
For Respondent : Mr.M.V.Chandrasekaran,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.21/2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who are arrayed as Accused No.1, 2, 4 to 13, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under sections 147, 148, 294(b), 323, 324 and 506(ii) of IPC and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002, in Crime No.21 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.



2.The case of the prosecution is that the first petitioner is the Village Panchayat President and the defacto complainant is the vice president. There was a funeral function in their village, at that time, the petitioners said to have abused the defacto complainant by using filthy language and also assaulted her and caused injuries. Hence, the complaint.

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

4.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. He further submitted that it is a case in counter, earlier the petitioners have given a complaint against the de facto complainant and the same has been registered in Crime No.22 of 2021 for the offence under Sections 147, 148, 294(b), 323, 324 and 506(ii) of IPC and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act, 2002. As a counter blast, the present complaint has been filed. He further submitted that A3 has already been arrested and released on bail. Hence, they seek anticipatory bail.

5.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), appearing for the respondent police submitted that it is a case in counter. He further submitted that the injured person has already been discharged from the hospital.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that it is a case in counter and the injured person has already been discharged from the hospital and A3 has already been arrested and released on bail, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. 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 Judicial Magistrate, Mudukulathur, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with one 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police 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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, MUDUKULATHUR.
2. DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KEELATHOOVAL POLICE STATION, RAMNAD DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.D.VENKATESH, Advocate (SR-845[I] dated 10/02/2021)

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