



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

Date : 24/02/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD) . No.2943 of 2021

1.Sundarammal
2.Mariammal
3.Revathi

... Petitioners/Accused No.2 to 4

Vs

State through,
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Pudukkottai,
Thoothukudi District.
Crime No. 2 of 2021.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.J.Joseph Zinoson,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.A.P.G.Ohm Chairma Prabhu,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.2 of 2021 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners/A2 to A4, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 9,10,11 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the first accused with the help of other accused persons married the victim. Based on the complaint given by the social welfare Officer the present case has been registered. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and a false case has been foisted against them. He would also submit that the petitioners are close relatives.



4. The learned Government Advocate(Crl.Side) would submit that the first petitioner is the mother of A1, second petitioner is the mother of victim and the third petitioner is sister of the second accused. He would also submit that both the first accused and the victim loved each other and they got married.

5. It is seen that the first accused and the victim loved each other. Coming to know the same both the families arranged for marriage. On hearing the same, the social welfare officer had lodged the complaint. Further the victim has no birth certificate and parents of the victim are uneducated and the school authorities on their own had registered the date of birth in the register, which is not correct.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, 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 fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the Special Court for Child Sexual abuse Act(POCSO), Thoothukudi District 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 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 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 JUDGE,
SPECIAL COURT FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ACT (POCSO),
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
2. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION, PUDUKKOTTAI,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
3. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1. CC to Mr. J. JOSEPH ZINOSON, Advocate SR.No.7122 (F)

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