



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

Date : 12/03/2021

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD)No.3358 of 2021

P.Sudalaimani

... Petitioner/Accused No.1

Vs

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

... Respondent/Complainant

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

For Respondent : Mr.A.P.G.Ohm Chairam 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 petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 9, 10, 11 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 altered into Section 5(L) of POCSO Act, 2012 in Crime No.2 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner married a minor girl with the help of the other accused persons. Hence, the complaint.

3.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 and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the marriage was took place on victim's own will and wish and that anticipatory bail was granted to the co-accused in Crl.O.P.(MD)No.2943 of 2021, on 24.02.2021. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), appearing for the respondent police submitted that the defacto complainant in this case is a Public Welfare Officer and that investigation is pending.

5.Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that anticipatory bail was granted to the co-accused, 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 his appearance, within a period of two weeks 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 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;

(b)the petitioner shall appear before the respondent Police as and when required for interrogation;

(c)the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d)the petitioner 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 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;

(f)if the accused/petitioner 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 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.

ORDER
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