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

Date : 08.07.2021

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice G.CHANDRASEKHARAN

CRL OP (MD) No.8480 of 2021

Muruganraj

... Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women's Police Station,
Kulithalai, Karur District.
Crime No.6 of 2021

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Gokulraj, Advocate
For Respondent : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

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

PRAYER :-

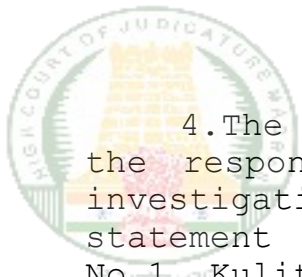
For Anticipatory Bail in Crime no.6 of 2021 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 9 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 in Crime No.6 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant, namely, Valarmathi, Social Welfare Department, Kadavur Taluk, Tharagampatti, Karur District, gave this complaint alleging that on 18.06.2021, at about 07.00 am, the victim girl Dharshini was married to the accused Muruganraj.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it is not true that there was a marriage between the victim girl Dharshini and the petitioner/accused, Muruganraj. Therefore, he seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed this petition on the ground that investigation is pending. He also produced Section 164 Cr.P.C statement of the victim girl recorded by the Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kulithalai.

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5. Reading of the Section 164 Cr.P.C. statement shows that there was no marriage taken place between the victim girl and the petitioner/accused, Muruganraj. In such circumstances, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary and hence, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Kulithalai, Karur 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 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 report before respondent police daily at 10.30 am., until further orders.

[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].

[f] If the accused 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 No.I,
KULITHALAI, KARUR DISTRICT.
2. DO-THROUGH : THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
KARUR DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
KULITHALAI, KARUR DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to Mr.S.GOKUL RAJ, Advocate (SR-4424[I] dated 08/07/2021)

ORDER

IN

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