



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 19.08.2021

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice B.PUGALENDHI

CRL OP(MD)No.9674 of 2021

Navaneethakrishnan ... Petitioner/Accused (Sole)

Vs

State rep by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.
(Crime No.10 of 2021). ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Senthil Murugan, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.T.Senthilkumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.10 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 Sections 6 and 5(1) POCSO Act and Section 4 of the Prohibition of Child Marriage in Crime No.10 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that marriage was solemnized between the petitioner herein and one minor girl. Hence, the present case has been registered.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case.



4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the victim girl is aged about 17 years. He also produced the statement of the victim girl recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C.

5.In the statement recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C., the victim girl stated she had an love affair with the petitioner.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the statement of the victim girl, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

7.Accordingly, this criminal original petition is allowed and 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 Additional Mahila Court, Ramanathapuram, 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 learned Magistrate concerned and on further conditions 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 Aadhaar card or bank pass book to ensure their identity.

[b]the petitioner shall report before respondent police as and when required.

[c]the petitioner shall not tamper with the 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 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 Additional Mahila Court,
Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

ORDER

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