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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.02.2022

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CrI.O.P.No.2188 of 2022

P.Balan

...Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Katpadi, Vellore District.
(Crime No.598 of 2021)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police concerned in crime No.598 of 2021, on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Karthick

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 498-A, 323, 355 and of IPC r/w Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, in Crime No.598 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is the brother of the 1st accused. The defacto complainant had preferred a complaint as against the petitioners alleging that they had harassed her, demanded dowry and ill-treated her. On receipt of the complaint, a case has been registered arraying the petitioner as accused.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the investigation is almost completed. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submissions made by both counsels and also the fact that investigation is almost completed, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, Vellore 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed 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 Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks and thereafter as and when required for an 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 has 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 thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
KATPADI, VELLORE DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. M.SATHISH KUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.1608

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