



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

CRL.O.P.No.1606 of 2022

1.Kuttimani
2.Sankar

... Petitioners

Versus

State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
All Women Police Station,
Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District.
(Crime No.26 of 2021)

... Respondent

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of his arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.26 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Thamaraiselvan

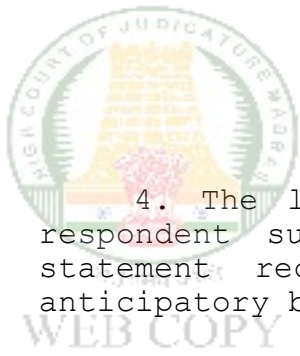
For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan,
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 9, 10 of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 in Crime No.26 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant Saravanan, Chairman Child Welfare Committee, Dharmapuri District has given a complaint before the respondent police on the allegation that the petitioners and others has performed the marriage of the minor Apparna who is aged about 17 years on 15.11.2021 and thereby this complaint has been launched before the respondent police. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that investigation almost completed and 164 statements recorded. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their 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 No.I, Dharmapuri, on condition that the petitioners 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 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 requires 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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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,
NO.I, DHARMAPURI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
DHARMAPURI DISTRICT [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
DHARMAPURI, DHARMAPURI DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1CC to M/S.R.THAMARAI SELVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.No.1291

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