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G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 363, 376(3), 376(2)(n), 323 IPC r/w Section 5(1) and 6 of POCSO Act, 2012, in Crime No.12 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant's daughter aged about 14 years, she was physically abused by one Ramesh and thereby, it was informed to the defacto complainant. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent and she has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner is sister-in-law of the first accused and A1 with the help of the petitioner abused the victim girl. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



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5. On perusal of the statement revealed that at the time of first accused taken the victim girl, the petitioner was also present there and failed to save the victim girl. Except the said allegation, no other allegation is made out as against the petitioner.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the Special Court for POCSO Act Cases, Thiruvannamalai, 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 Magistrate may obtain a copy of



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their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily Morning at 10.30 a.m for a period of two weeks thereafter 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]**.

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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