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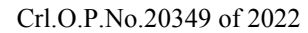
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**G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.**

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 120(b), 167, 465, 468, 471, 477A and u/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended by the Prevention of Corruption Amendment Act 2018 in Crime No.1 of 2022/AC/CB seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner who was holding the charge of Assistant Revenue Officer, East Zone during the period from 12.07.2019 to 06.10.2020 was responsible for the inspection of buildings and verifying the payments and submission of note files to the Assistant Commissioner, East Zone, Coimbatore Corporation in order to issue property tax books to the building owners. It is further alleged that the petitioner along with others misappropriated to the tune of Rs.7,57,430/-. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has not committed any such



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the petitioner along with others misappropriated to the tune of Rs. 7,430/-. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submissions made by both counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) to the credit of Crime No.1 of 2022/AC/CB, within a period of four weeks from the date on which the



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order copy made ready, and on such deposit the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, before the ***learned Special Judge, Special Court for Trial of Cases under Prevention of Corruption Act, Coimbatore*** 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 their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs only) to the credit of Crime No.1 of 2022/AC/CB, before the concerned Magistrate, within a period of four weeks from the date on which the order copy made ready.

[c] the final order in respect of the said deposit shall be passed by the learned trial Judge at conclusion of trial.

[d] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police daily



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at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[e] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[f] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[g] 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]**.

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

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