



CrI.OP.No.24980 of 2022

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WEB C **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN, J.**

The petitioner/ accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 01.04.2022 for the offences punishable under Sections 294(b), 342, 506(1), 307 of IPC, Sections 5(l), 5(m), 6, 9(1), 9(m), 10 of POCSO Act and Section 75 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in Crime No.6 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is the headmaster of the school, where the daughter of the defacto complainant is studying, and he misbehaved with the victim girl. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was awarded a meritorious certificate for the best teacher and he has been rendering his service as a Mathematics teacher without any adverse remarks of that locality for the past several years. While this is so, on 20.03.2022, the school management committee conducted awareness meeting in order to select the President for the School Management Committee sine the tenure of the President of the School Management Committee come to an end. At that time, the defacto complainant Malliga asked the petitioner to recommend her name for the said post since the petitioner is the Secretary of the committee by virtue of he being the Head Master of the said school.



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However, the petitioner declined her request and left the option to the parents of the school students to elect the President of the school management Committee of their choice. Aggrieved by this, the defacto complainant had foisted this case against the petitioner with the help of the respondent police. Hence, he prays for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that there are totally 15 victim girls and he also produced the statement recorded under Section 164 of Cr.P.C. He would further submit that earlier this Court had dismissed the bail petitions filed by the petitioner in Crl.O.P.Nos.11639 of 2022 and 15163 of 2022 dated 06.06.2022 and 01.07.2022 respectively. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. On perusal of the statement recorded under Section 164 of Cr.P.C., revealed that the petitioner sexually assaulted all the students. The petitioner is the Headmaster of the school and he himself is the role model to all the students. However, he committed very serious offence as against whoever the victim girls. Therefore, this court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6. Considering the above facts and circumstances of the case, the petitioner had committed a very serious and heinous offence as against the minor victim girls and this Court had dismissed the earlier bail petitions filed



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by the petitioner and that there is no change of circumstances. Hence, this Court is not inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the Criminal Original Petition is dismissed. The Trial Court is directed to complete the trial within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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