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The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 147, 148, 341, 342, 294(b), 323, 506(ii) & 364(A) of IPC in Crime No.406 of 2022 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with the other accused waylaid the *de-facto* complainant's employee, threatened and extracted Rs.20,000/- from him. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel 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 to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner along with other accused



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waylaid and kidnapped one of the employees of the *de-facto* complainant and demanded a ransom and also taken away Rs.20,000/- from him. He would further submit that some of the arrested accused are still in custody and the investigation is at the initial stage. Hence, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also finding that the investigation is at the initial stage, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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