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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 03.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.25772 of 2021

R.Praveen

...Petitioner

Versus

The Inspector of Police
All Women Police Station,
Mettur,
Salem,
Tamil Nadu - 636 401.

...Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.4 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.J.Jaseem Mohamed

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gokulakrishnan
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 363 & 109 of IPC and Section 5(1) r/w 6 of POCSO Act 2012, in Crime No.4 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons had kidnapped the victim girl, who is aged about 16 years. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that co-accused had already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court in Crl.O.P.No.13908 of 2021 dated 17.08.2021. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the investigation is almost completed and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the fact that the investigation is almost completed and co-accused had already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court and the victim girl has been secured, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his 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 Special Court for Exclusive Trial of Cases under POCSO Act, Salem, 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 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 Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

(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]; 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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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE SPECIAL COURT FOR
EXCLUSIVE TRIAL OF CASES UNDER POCSO ACT,
SALEM.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ALL WOMEN POLICE STATION,
METTUR, SALEM,
TAMIL NADU-636 401.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+2 CC to M/S M.J.JASEEM MOHAMED Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.9

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