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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Section 10 of POCSO Act 2012 in Cr.No.290 of 2022, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant is working as a Head Mistress at Savarirayalur Girls Government High School, Needarajjappar Street, Puducherry for the past 7 months and during the Leader Student-Parents Welfare Association meeting she came to know that some of the school teacher misbehaved with the school students studying at 7th standard. Immediately the matter was communicated to Senior Formation, Education Department. As such the DDE (W) Nadanasabapathi, (2) Joint Director - Tmt.V.G.Sivagami and 3. Vice Principal Tmt.Kalavathi came to her school and made necessary enquiry with school students studying at 7th and 8th standard students separately. In the mean time, the Education Department transferred some teachers from that school on 11.11.2022. As the sequel of the transfer the teachers placed under suspension on the same day due to their misconduct. The complainant also came to know that some internal enquiry were made against the teachers. In continuation, she got a written orders from her superior officers and lodged the complaint against the erring teachers namely Esuraja and Veerappan due to their misbehaviour with school students. Based on the complaint FIR registered in Crime No.290/2022 on the file of Grand Bazaar



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Police Station. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that there is no sexual intent on the part of the petitioner and the offence under Section 10 of POCSO Act has not been attracted and the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Public Prosecutor (Pondicherry) submitted that there are about 10 victim girls and 164 statement of the victims have been recorded. She further submitted that the case is under investigation, hence, she opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the gravity of offence committed by the petitioner, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

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