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A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to Judicial custody on 20.09.2022 pursuant to the non-bailable warrant issued against him on 21.12.2020, in S.C.No.117 of 2020 on the file of the learned XVIII Additional City Civil Court, Chennai in connection with the Crime No.515 of 2020 registered for the offence punishable under Sections 147, 148, 302, 324, 506 (ii) r/w 149 IPC, seeks bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that this is the fourth bail application of the petitioner and this Court, had dismissed the earlier bail applications filed by the petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.27943, 30465 of 2022 & 1876 of 2023 vide orders dated 15.11.2022, 09.12.2022 & 30.01.2023. He further submitted that this Court, while dismissing the earlier bail application in Crl.O.P.No.1876 of 2023 dated 30.01.2023, had directed the trial Court to complete the trial and dispose the case



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within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of that order. However, the trial has not been completed so far. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that it is the case where the petitioner did not appear before the Court for the second time on 12.08.2021, due to which, a Non-Bailable Warrant was issued against him and pursuant to the same, he was arrested on 20.09.2022. He also submitted that this Court, while dismissing the earlier bail application of the petitioner, directed the trial Court to complete the trial and dispose the case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of that order. He further submitted that the case is now at the fag end of trial and the case stands posted on 27.04.2023 for examination of witnesses LW11 and LW14 and the trial will be completed within a period of two weeks. He also submitted that if bail is granted to the petitioner at this stage, there is every possibility of him to abscond again and derail the progress of trial. He also submitted that the respondent will take every endeavour to



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complete the trial within a period of one month. Hence, he opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials available on record.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and also considering the fact that the trial is at fag end of trial, this Court directs the trial Judge to complete the trial positively before 30.06.2023.

6. With the above direction, this Criminal Original Petition stands disposed of.

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