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The petitioners who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 420, 468 & 471 IPC, in Crime No.141 of 2023, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is the submission of the learned counsel for the petitioners that petitioners are falsely implicated in this case for the reason that they have not properly verified the certificates produced by the first accused. They are not aware of the fact that the first accused had fabricated the educational documents. Thus, he prayed for anticipatory bail for the petitioners.

3.In response, the learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) submitted that petitioners are members of the selection committee. It is their responsibility to verify the documents produced by the participants in the interview for selection to the post of Sanitary worker. But, they failed to do so. Therefore, they are implicated as accused in this case.

4.Considering the nature of the allegations made against the



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petitioners that they failed to exercise proper care and caution in verifying the certificates produced by the accused, this Court is of the view that custodial interrogation of the petitioners is not necessary and this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners and the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate, Palacode**, on condition that petitioners shall execute separate bond for a sum of **Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police everyday at 10.30 a.m. until further



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orders.

[c] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners 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 petitioners 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].

[f] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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