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G.CHANDRASEKHARAN. J.

The petitioner namely K.Velmurugan, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences under Section 68(A) of Information Technology Act and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act in Crime No.16 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that, petitioner is falsely implicated in this case in Crime No.16 of 2023 for the offences under Section 68(A) of Information Technology Act and Section 4 of Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Women Harassment Act. Petitioner is innocent. Apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent, this petition is filed.

3. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal side), opposes this petition, on the ground that, defacto complainant had an affair with one Manivannan and that was videographed. Manivannam is the President of Semmakottai Panchayat. The accused somehow got the video of the intimate relationship of defacto complainant and Manivannan. Due to political rivalry,



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the accused threatened to circulate the video. Thus, he prays for dismissal of this petition.

4. When this Court enquired, as to whether any such video is available and recovered, learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) answered in negative, on instructions from Ms.T.Sudarmathi, WSI, All Women Police Station, Panruti.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances and that fact that, no such video recovered so far and that investigation in this case is still pending and that material part of the investigation might have been over by this time, this Court is of the view that, custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not necessary and the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before **the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Panruti**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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



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Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed 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 Magistrate 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 everyday 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].



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

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