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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner/accused who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 406 & 420 of IPC, 1860 read with Section 4(1), 76(1) of Chit Funds Act, 1982 in Crime No.374 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is stated that the second accused is the main accused, who is the son of the petitioner and had cheated the defacto complainant to a sum of Rs.5,19,500/- after receiving Diwali Chit Fund Scheme.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner undertakes to deposit a sum of Rs.1/- lakh. It is stated that he is innocent.

4. In view of the statement made, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

5. Accordingly, 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 Judicial



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Magistrate Court No.I, Ulundurpet, 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, 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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required.

[c] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- to the credit of the crime number which shall remain in deposit till the conclusion of the trial and if the petitioner is acquitted, the amount to be returned back to the petitioner and if he is convicted, the amount to be returned to the defacto complainant.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.



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[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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]**.

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

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