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Crl.O.P.No.23787 of 2023

C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner / A4 who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 120B of IPC in Crime No.8 of 2023, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is stated that A1 and A2 had conducted Diwali Chit Fund business in the years 2020 to 2021 and from 1069 people had totally collected a sum of Rs.93,00,000/-. We are still two years past from that date, and still there are complaints pending about non-return of the amount collected by A1 and A2. A1 had been taken into custody and owing to non-filing of final report had been granted bail under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner presses to advantage that particular fact. But, there would be no discussion on merits in grant of bail under that particular provision, which is statutory bail, and which has to be granted in accordance with the statute. The learned counsel further states that this petitioner is not directly connected with the business and she is only the daughter of the 1st accused, but there could have been some bonafide shown by depositing at least some percentage of the amount collected.



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4.In view of these facts and since there has been no recovery at all towards sum of Rs.93,00,000/- and keeping in mind the plight of 1069 persons who had given their hard earned money to the accused persons, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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