



Crl.O.P.No.24151 of 2023

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C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 465, 468, 471 and 420 of IPC in Crime No.09 of 2022, seek anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that in the year 2019, the defacto complainant had approached the petitioner seeking employment in the High Court and the defacto complainant had given a sum of Rs.4,50,000/- for obtaining employment for his son. It had been stated that further amounts had been collected and a total sum of Rs.14,50,000/- had been given to the petitioner herein. It is also stated that the petitioner had also issued appointment orders, which were actually forged and this came to the knowledge of the defacto complainant. It is under these circumstances that the complaint came to be lodged.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner stated that the petitioner had been actually working as sweeper in the High Court and



later he came to know that his appointment order itself has been forged and therefore, he is a victim of the entire issue.

4. On the side of the respondent, a status report has been filed, wherein it had been stated that a complaint had been received from the wife of one Rajeshkumar, Advocate, who stated that her husband / Rajeshkumar had committed suicide since, the petitioner and another person had collected amounts from various individuals promising them job in the High Court and had handed over the said amount to the Rajeshkumar and since he not able to answer to those demands, he had committed suicide. In that connection, in the status report, it had been stated that FIR in Crime No.5504 of 2020 under Section 306 had been registered against the present petitioner and also another Selvadurai.

5. It is thus seen that the petitioner herein is not only an accused in Crime No.09 of 2022 but in yet another case, wherein an unfortunate individual had taken an extreme step to commit suicide.



6. Taking all these factors into consideration, since investigation will have to be done, not only with respect to the amounts, which had been collected, but more importantly on the *modus operandi* of issuing forged and fake appointment order, which is of deep concern to the High Court and to the institution as a whole, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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