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CRL OP(MD). Nos.19400 and 19398 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16/11/2023

PRESENT

The Honourable Mr.Justice V.SIVAGNANAM

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Ranjthkumar ... Petitioner/ Accused 2 in Crl.O.P(MD)No.19400/2023

Mariammal ... Petitioner/ Accused 1 in Crl.O.P(MD)No.19398/2023

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Theni.
(Crime No.37 of 2023).

... Respondent/ Complainant in both Petitions

In both petitions:-

For Petitioner : M/s. ROMEO ROY ALFRED.I,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.SURESH KUMAR,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITIONS FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 37 of 2023 on the file of the Respondent Police.

COMMON ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 417, 420, 465, 468, 471 and 120B of IPC in

Crime No 37 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

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2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners and other accused prepared fake documents and cheated the defacto complainant. Hence, the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are the innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Hence, he prays for anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate (criminal side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the petitioners and other accused cheated the defacto complainant by creating a fake document. Hence, he has strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5.Heard both sides and perused the materials available on the record.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and taking into consideration the principles stated by the Honourable Supreme Court in Gurubaksh Singh Sibbia Etc., vs. State of Punjab reported in 1980 AIR 1632 and Lal Kamendra Pratap Singh vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and others reported in (2009)4 SCC 437 and Joginder Kumar vs. State of U.P. and others reported in (1994)4 SCC 260 and taking into consideration the origin of crime, it is seen that the alleged offence against the petitioners is not a case of heinous crime. Further, the petitioners are having permanent resident at Theni District. Hence, the principles stated in Hussainara Khatoon & Ors vs. Home Secretary, State Of Bihar reported in AIR 1979 SC 1360 are



taken into consideration. In that case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has cautioned that pre-trial detention is not to be encouraged nor is to be encourageable pre-trial release on sureties; that if the Court is satisfied after taking into consideration that the accused has his roots in the community and is not likely to abscond, he can safely be released on his personal bond.

7. In view of the above, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of 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 No.I, Theni on condition that the petitioners shall execute a own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) 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 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 trial Court on summons.



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[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 petitioners 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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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
THENI.

2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE, THENI DISTRICT.



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3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
DISTRICT CRIME BRANCH,
THENI.

4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+2. CC to M/S. ROMEO ROY ALFRED.I Advocate SR.No.16431 & 16432

ORDER

IN

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Date :16/11/2023

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