



CRL OP(MD)No.19843 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 21.11.2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble MR JUSTICE V.SIVAGNANAM

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1.Rajasekaran

2.Mary Philominal

... Petitioners/ Accused Nos.1 & 2

Vs

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
District Crime Branch,
Thanjavur.

(Crime No.16 of 2022)

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan, Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.R.Suresh Kumar,
Government Advocate(Crl.side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No.16 of 2022 on the file of the Respondent Police.

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 406 and 420 IPC in Crime No.16 of 2022, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were running unregistered chit and collected money from the defacto complainant and others. The defacto



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complainant paid a sum of Rs.19,50,400/- periodically and the petitioners ought to have returned the same a sum of Rs.20,00,000/- to the defacto complainant. In fact the chit has been completed in the year 2018. inspite of repeated request, the defacto complainant's amount was not returned. Hence the case.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He would further submit that the petitioners herein have filed Insolvency Petition in I.P.No.5 of 2018 before the Principal Sub Court, Thanjavur and some other persons also filed I.P.No.7 of 2018 and I.P.No.2 of 2019 and the petitioners' properties and other documents were listed and produced before the concerned Court. Hence, he seeks anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent police would submit that the investigation in this case is not yet completed.

5.On perusal of records, it is noticed that all the allegations are civil in nature and civil cases are pending before the Court below.

6.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 Kamlendra 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*



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reported in (1994)4 SCC 260 and taking into consideration the origin of crime, it is seen that the offence alleged as against the petitioners is not a case of heinous crime. Further the petitioners are having permanent residence at Thanjavur District. Hence the principles stated in *Hussainara Khatoon & Ors vs. Home Secretary, State Of Bihar* reported in AIR 1979 SC 1360 is taken into consideration. In that case, the Hon'ble Supreme Court has cautioned that pre-trial detention is not 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, Thanjavur 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 :



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[a] the petitioners shall affix his photograph 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.

[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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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
DISTRICT CRIME BRANCH,
THANJAVUR
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

+1 CC to M/s.S.DEENADHAYALAN, Advocate (SR-16627[I] dated 21/11/2023)

ORDER
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