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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 06/12/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V.SIVAGNANAM

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Muthukumar,

... Petitioner/ Accused 1

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Rajapalayam South Police Station,
Virudhunagar District.
Crime No. 370/2023.

... Respondent/ Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s. BALAMURUGAPANDI.D,
Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.RMS.SETHURAMAN
Additional Public Prosecutor

For Intervenor : Mr.K.SUYAMBULINGA BHARATHI, Advocate

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

PRAYER :- For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 370 of 2023 on the file of the respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ Accused, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 406, 420 and 506(i) IPC in Crime No.370 of 2023 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has approached the defacto complainant and stated that he is going to start a chit fund and asked to deposit the



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money and thereby, the defacto complainant has deposited a sum of Rs.11,73,000/- on various dates, but, the petitioner has not returned the same. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit the said sum of Rs.11,73,000/- received from the defacto complainant and various depositors and seeks anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the intervenor has no objection for the same.

5. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that investigation of the case is pending and hence, strongly opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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 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 offence alleged as against the petitioner is not a case of heinous crime. Further the petitioner is having permanent resident at Virudhunagar District and he is ready to deposit the amount received by him. Hence the principles stated in Hussainara Khatoon & Ors



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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 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 petitioner. 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 is made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Rajapalayam, Virudhunagar District on condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 petitioner has to deposit a sum of Rs.11,73,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs and Seventy Three Thousand only) to the credit of crime No.370 of 2023, alleged to be received from the defacto complainant and various depositors. On such deposit, the concerned Judicial Magistrate is directed to give that amount to the defacto



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complainant and other depositors without notice to the petitioner and the depositors are directed to file a proof for the deposited amount in the chit.

[b] the petitioner shall appear before the trial Court on receipt of summons as directed by the trial Court.

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

[d] the petitioner 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 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].

[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,
Madurai - 625 023.

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1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, RAJAPALAYAM, VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.

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2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL
MAGISTRATE, VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT AT SRIVILLIPUTHUR.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
RAJAPALAYAM SOUTH POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHUNAGAR DISTRICT.

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

+1 CC to M/s.D.BALAMURUGAPANDI, Advocate (SR-17371[I] dated 07/12/2023)

ORDER
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