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

Date : 20/12/2023

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V. SIVAGNANAM

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Manikaraj

... Petitioner / Accused

Vs

The Inspector of Police,
Panagudi Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
(Crime No.295/2020).

... Respondent / Complainant

For Petitioner : Mr.Anand R., Advocate.
For Respondent : M/s.M.Aasha,
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec.439 of Cr.P.C.

PRAYER :-

To enlarge the petitioner on bail in Special CC No.3/2021 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Spl. Court for POCSO Act Case, Tirunelveli.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner/ accused, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 07.11.2023 for the alleged offence punishable under Section 366 of IPC and Section 6



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r/w.5(1) of POCSO Act in Crime No.107 of 2021,(S.C. No.3 of 2021 on the file of the learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for POCSO Act Cases, Tirunelveli) on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2.Earlier the petitioner was arrested and released on bail. Thereafter he met with an accident and he did not appear before the trial Court on 17.07.2023 , hence Non Bailable Warrant was issued. The petitioner was arrested on execution of Non Bailable Warrant on 07.11.2023.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. Further the petitioner is in custody from 07.11.2023, hence he seek bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor opposing the bail petition would submit that if the petitioner is released on bail, he may abscond again.

5.Considering the nature of allegations made against the petitioner and also considering the period of incarceration and also taking into consideration of the principle stated by the Honourable Supreme Court in Sanjay Chandra and others vs. CBI reported in (2012)1 SCC 40 and the nature of the offence alleged by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner.

6.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute a own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) subject to



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the satisfaction of the learned Sessions Judge, Special Court for POCSO Act Cases,

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Tirunelveli and on further conditions that:

(i) the petitioner shall appear before the trial Court as directed by the trial Court;

(ii) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness;

(iii) the petitioner shall not abscond during trial.

(iv) 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].

v) 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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1.The Sessions Judge,
Special Court for POCSO Act Cases, Tirunelveli.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Panagudi Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.

3.The Superintendent,
Central Prison,
Palayamkottai, Tirunelveli District.

4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai.

+1CC to M/s.R.ANAND, Advocate, SR.No.18132(I), dated 21.12.2023

ORDER

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