



Crl.OP.No. 22231 of 2024

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The petitioners who apprehend arrest for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 5 & 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998 in Crime No. 235 of 2024 on the file of the respondent police seek anticipatory bail.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other persons were found in possession of banned lottery tickets illegally. The respondent police recovered lottery tickets, a car, cheque books, two mobile phones and Rs.1,03,710/-. Hence the complaint.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession statement of co-accused and the co-accused were arrested and released on bail. He further submitted that no previous case is pending against them. However, the petitioners are ready and willing to abide any stringent conditions may be imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioners along with other persons were found in possession of banned lottery tickets illegally. The respondent police recovered lottery tickets, a car, cheque books, two mobile phones and Rs.1,03,710/-. He further submitted that investigation has been completed and no previous case is pending against them. He further submitted that co-accused were arrested and released on bail. However, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Considering the above submissions made by the learned Counsel on either side, considering that the nature of offences, the petitioner was arrayed an accused based on the confession statement of the co-accused and the co-accused were arrested and released on bail, there is no previous case pending against the petitioners, and considering all other aspects, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the



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event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the ***learned Judicial Magistrate No.VI, Coimbatore***, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:-

[a] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photograph and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

[b] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.00 am for 30 days.

[c] the petitioners shall not directly or indirectly make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as to dissuade them from disclosing such facts to the Court or to any Police Officer or tamper with the evidence.

[d] the petitioners shall not leave India without the prior



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[e] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[f] 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 petitioner is released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court themselves as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *P.K.Shaji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*; and;

[g] if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 BNS;

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