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P.DHANABAL,J.

The petitioners/A1 to A4 who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Sections 191(2), 191(3), 126(2), 296(b), 118(2), 115(2), 351(3) and 303 of BNS in Crime No.448 of 2024 seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that during the Vinayagar Chathurthi Festival, the defacto complainant and the villagers placed Vinayagar idol and on 09.09.2024 at about 04.00 p.m., while the defacto complainant returned after the completion of Veethi Ula of Vinayagar Idol, at that time, the petitioners herein abused and assaulted the defacto complainant by wooden log and caused injuries to him. Hence, this case.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any such offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submits that there are no previous cases against the petitioners and they are ready to abide by any stringent conditions imposed by this Court. Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the



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respondent submits that there was a temple dispute between the parties, due to which, the first petitioner had assaulted the defacto complainant with wooden log and caused injuries to him. He admits that the injured was discharged from the hospital. He further submits that there is no previous case against the petitioners. However, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners as well as the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the nature of offence and there was a temple dispute between the parties regarding Vinayagar Chathurthi Festival and the injured had discharged from the hospital and also the fact that there is no previous case 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 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, Thirukoilur** on condition that each of the petitioners shall



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execute separate bonds for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police on every Saturday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of four weeks.

[b] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[c] the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[d] 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].

[e] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 B.N.S.

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