



Crl.O.P.No.28708 of 2024

A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.

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The petitioner apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 5 and 7(3) of Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998 in Crime No.570 of 2024, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 05.11.2024, when the respondent police were patrolling near Vinayagapuram 1st Street, Choolaimedu, they found three persons involved in selling banned online Lottery tickets, based on their confession, this petitioner has been included in this case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case, based on the confession of co-accused. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to produce solvent sureties and to abide with any conditions that may be imposed by this Court, therefore, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

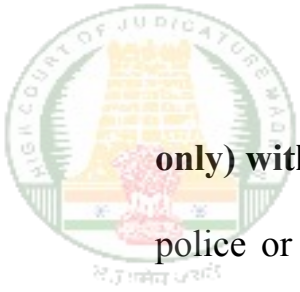


4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, stating that the petitioner along with co-accused had involved in illegal selling of banned online lottery tickets. He further submitted that there is no previous case as against the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police and perused the materials available on record including the FIR.

6. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and taking note of the fact that, there is no previous case as against this petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7. 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 made ready, before **the learned XVII Metropolitan Magistrate, Saidapet, Chennai-15** on condition that the petitioner 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police everyday at 6:30 p.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter, every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., until further orders.

[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.

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[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 269 B.N.S.

18.11.2024

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