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Crl.O.P.No.7914 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.03.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE **SUNDER MOHAN**

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...Petitioner/Accused No.4

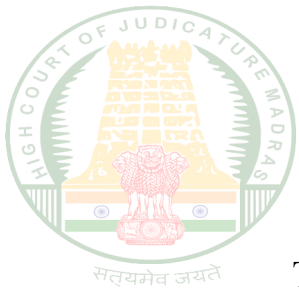
Vs.

The State Represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Veppankuppam Police Station,
Veppankuppam,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.10 of 2025)

...Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya
Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of
his arrest in Crime No.10 of 2025 on the file of the Inspector of Police,
Veppankuppam Police Station, Veppankuppam, Vellore District.

For Petitioner : Mr.Vinodh Kumar
For Respondent : Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)



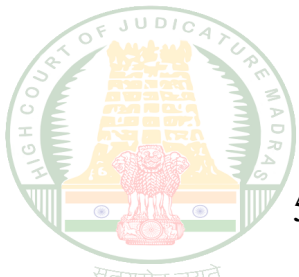
ORDER

The petitioner/A4, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 5 and 7(1) of the Lotteries Regulation Act, 1998 and 318 (4) of BNS (420 of the IPC) in Crime No.10 of 2025 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/A4, along with the other accused, conducted an illegal lottery by making a false promise of giving a prize amount and cheated the *de-facto* complainant and general public. Hence, the case.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner/A4 submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person; that he has been falsely implicated in this case, and prayed for anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

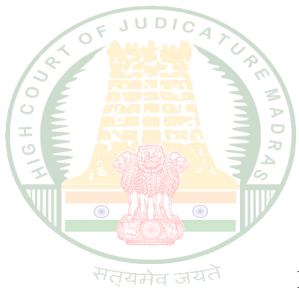
4. Learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent police, while opposing the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner, reiterated the prosecution case and, on instructions, submitted that the petitioner has no bad antecedents.



5. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, the nature of the allegations, the submissions made by the learned counsels on either side, the petitioner has no bad antecedents and since the custodial interrogation of the petitioner is not required for the purpose of the investigation, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the order copy was made ready, before the learned **Judicial Magistrate No. III, Vellore**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs. **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 said Magistrate, on the further condition that:

[a] 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;



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[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police, everyday at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness 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 269 of B.N.S.

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To

1.The Judicial Magistrate No.III, Vellore.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Veppankuppam Police Station,
Veppankuppam, Vellore District.

3.The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Madras.



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