



Crl.O.P.No.51 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.01.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem,
Salem District.
(Crime No. 14/AC of 2024).

... Respondent

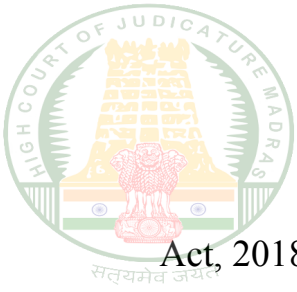
PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, pleaded to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in connection with **Crime No.14/AC of 2024**, pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Muruganantham

For Respondent : Mr.Leonard Arul Joseph Selvam
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

Petition seeking bail in respect of **Crime No.14/AC of 2024** registered for the offences punishable under Sections 7(a) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 as amended by Prevention of Corruption (Amendment)



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Act, 2018, is on board for consideration.

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2. The incarceration of the petitioner being from **27.11.2024** pleading innocence on the part of the petitioner and false implication in the case, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks indulgence of this Court. He would submit that this is second bail application. He would submit that earlier bail application was dismissed, on the ground that the investigation is at initial stage. He would submit that major part of the investigation is over and further custody of the petitioner may not be required in this case. He would submit that the petitioner have already been suspended from service. He would further submit that the petitioner is ready to abide by any stringent condition that may be imposed by this court.

3. The case of the prosecution, as putforth by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent police, opposing for grant of bail, is that, despite the orders of the High Court, the accused had demanded the money and accepted the same. He would further submit that the investigation is still pending.



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4. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) for the respondent Police, perused the materials available on record, and taking into consideration the period of incarceration undergone by the petitioner, this court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions and accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of **Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only)** with **two sureties**, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned **Special Judge for trial of cases under Prevention of Corruption Act, Salem**, and on further conditions 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;

[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



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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 learned Special Judge for trial of Cases
under Prevention of Corruption Act, Salem.
 2. The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Salem, Salem District.
 3. The Superintendent,
Central Prison, Salem.
 4. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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