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Crl.O.P.No.14008 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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Saravanan @ Mukesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Kolathur Police Station,
Chennai District.
(Crime No.19 of 2021)

... Respondent

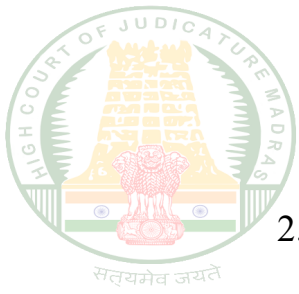
PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, praying to enlarge the petitioner anticipatory bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.19 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Parthiban

For Respondent : Mrs.R.S.Indira,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 3(2)a, 4(1) and 5(1)a of Immoral Traffic Prevention Act, in Crime No.19 of 2021, on the file of the respondent Police, seeks anticipatory bail.



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2. The case of the prosecution is that, based on an advertisement offering women for prostitution found on the Locanto App, the respondent police conducted a raid and found certain persons allegedly involved in fresh trade activities. Hence, the case.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and that he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that the petitioner is ready to co-operate with the investigation. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and opposed the anticipatory bail application.

5. Taking into consideration of the totality of the circumstances, this Court is of the firm view that the offence allegedly committed by the petitioner has serious societal impact. Hence enlarging the petitioner on anticipatory bail at this stage would affect the moral fiber of the society at



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large. In such view of the position, this Court is not inclined to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail.

6. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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To

- 1.The XIII Metropolitan Magistrate, Egmore, Chennai.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kolathur Police Station,
Chennai District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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