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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.RAJASEKAR

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Jose @ R.Joseph Rajas

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

State Rep.by, The Sub Inspector of Police,
Crime Branch - Organized Crime Unit,
Crime Investigation Department,
Coimbatore City.
Cr.No.3/2024.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 482 of B.N.S.S., to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in the event of arrest, in connection with Crime No.3 of 2024 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Sundararajan P

For Respondent(s): Ms.J.R.Archana
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest by the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 120(B), 344, 370 and 420 of IPC, in Crime



No.3 of 2024 seeks anticipatory bail.

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2.The allegation against the petitioner is that they conspired with other accused made false promises of overseas employment. Based on these inducements, the de facto complainant traveled to Bangkok, from where he was transported to various locations and coerced into training for online fraud and similar offenses. Unwilling to participate, the defacto complainant and several others staged a protest; he eventually managed to contact the Embassy, leading to his rescue and repatriation to India. Upon his return, he lodged a complaint, resulting in the registration of this case.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is not directly involved in collection of money and he has not cheated the defacto complainant. He also submitted that the petitioner is also ready to co-operate with the investigation and now he is in India. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for the respondent police reiterated the prosecution case and submitted that total amount involved in this case is Rs.4,88,000/- and collected from totally eight victims and so far they have not return back the money and also they have involved in various types of offences. Hence he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



5.I have gone through the FIR and other connected materials, it revealed that A1 in this case has died, and the case was registered in the year 2024 and the investigation in this case is pending. Considering the fact that the case is of the year 2024 and that the petitioner has now approached this Court seeking anticipatory bail, and though the allegations are very serious in nature, however, on perusal of the FIR, the majority of the allegations are only against the other accused, hence this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest or on her appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the ***learned Chief Judicial Magistrate, Coimbatore***, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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 and on 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;

(b) **the petitioner shall appear before the respondent**



police everyday at 10.30 a.m., for a period of three weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation;

(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;

(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]*; and;

(f) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 269 of B.N.S.

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To

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- 2.The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Coimbatore.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras.



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