

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

Criminal Appeal No 590 of 2020
(Arising out of SLP (Crl) No 9274 of 2019)

P S Karthikeyan

Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Tamil Nadu

Respondent(s)

ORDER

- 1 Leave granted.
- 2 The High Court by its order dated 23 September 2019 rejected the application for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973. The appellant has been implicated in FIR 1/2019 lodged at Police Station CBCID OCU Salem with reference to the provisions of Sections 406, 420 and 120B Indian Penal Code.
- 3 The submission which has been urged on behalf of the appellant by Mr Balaji Subramanian, learned counsel is that the sale transactions which form the subject matter of the FIR had taken place nearly twenty years ago. The FIR was lodged in 2019. Further, it has been submitted that the appellant was not a party to the sale transactions which were entered into by his father and uncle.
- 4 By an order dated 18 October 2019, notice was issued by this Court and an ad interim stay of arrest was granted. In pursuance of the said order, Mr Jayant Muth Raj, learned senior counsel has appeared on behalf of the respondent State.

- 5 Having regard to the facts and circumstances, we order and direct that in the event of the arrest of the appellant, he shall be released on bail, subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the trial court.
- 6 The appeal is accordingly disposed of.
- 7 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

.....J.
[Dr Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud]

.....J.
[Indu Malhotra]

.....J.
[K M Joseph]

New Delhi;
September 11, 2020
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SECTION II-C

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (CrI.) No.9274/2019

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 23-09-2019 in CRLP No. 23334/2019 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras)

P.S. KARTHIKEYAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for interim relief and c/delay in filing spare copies)

Date : 11-09-2020 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE INDU MALHOTRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Balaji Subramanian, Adv.
Mr. S.C.V. Vimal Pani, Adv.
Mr. A. Lakshminarayanan, AOR

For Respondent(s) Mr. Jayant Muthuraj, Sr. Adv., AAG
Mr. M. Yogesh Kanna, AOR

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

- 1 Delay condoned.
- 2 Leave granted.
- 3 The appeal is disposed of in terms of the signed order.
- 4 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
AR-cum-PS

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
BRANCH OFFICER

(Signed order is placed on the file)