



2025:KER:53547

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. BADHARUDEEN

FRIDAY, THE 18TH DAY OF JULY 2025 / 27TH ASHADHA, 1947

BAIL APPL. NO. 8637 OF 2025

CRIME NO.TSR/V.C.05/2025 OF VACB, THRISSUR

IN CRMP NO.760 OF 2025 OF ENQUIRY COMMISSIONER & SPECIAL JUDGE, THRISSUR

PETITIONER/ACCUSED:

SAJEESH A.
AGED 47 YEARS
(SR. GRADE CIVIL POLICE OFFICER, OLLUR POLICE STATION,
THRISSUR), S/O. PEETHAMBARAN, ALLUPUZZHA HOUSE, CHIRAKKAKODE,
THRISSUR, PIN - 680654

BY ADV SMT.ANUPAMA SUBRAMANIAN

RESPONDENT/STATE/COMPLAINANT:

STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR, HIGH COURT OF KERALA,
PIN - 682031

SPL PP VACB - RAJESH.A, SR PP VACB - REKHA.S

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 16.07.2025, THE
COURT ON 18.07.2025 DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

**ORDER****Dated this the 18th day of July, 2025**

This bail application has been filed under Section 483 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, seeking regular bail and the petitioner is the accused in Crime No. V.C. 5/2025/TSR registered for the offence punishable under Section 7(a) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 as amended in 2018 [hereinafter referred as 'P.C. Act' for short], by the accused.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner as well as the learned Public Prosecutor, in detail. Perused the relevant materials available.

3. In this matter, the prosecution case is that, the accused, while working as Senior Civil Police Officer attached to Ollur Police Station, demanded Rs.2,000/- as bribe from the defacto complainant through mobile phone on 20.05.2025 and 01.07.2025, for providing required documents in relation to a case. Accordingly, the defacto complainant moved an application before the VACB. On pre-verification of the same, the complaint was found as genuine. Thereafter, a trap was



arranged on 02.07.2025. During the proceedings, the accused demanded and accepted Rs.2,000/- entrusted by the defacto complainant. Accordingly, the accused was red handedly arrested and now, he has been in custody from 02.07.2025. It is on this premise, the prosecution alleges commission of the above said offence, by the accused.

4. Even though, the learned counsel for the petitioner/accused argued that the petitioner is innocent and there is no materials to show the demand and acceptance of bribe by the petitioner/accused, the mahazar produced by the petitioner itself would show that there was demand and acceptance of bribe by the petitioner, *prima facie*. At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner canvassed regular bail to the petitioner, by pointing out custody of the petitioner from 02.07.2025 onwards and also the progress of investigation. She pointed out further that the petitioner/accused is ready to co-operate with the investigation.

5. The learned Public Prosecutor opposed grant of regular bail to the petitioner and submitted that this is a case, in which, the petitioner was red handedly arrested while



demanding and accepting bribe, as part of trap proceedings and the allegations against him are made out, *prima facie*. Though, the learned Public Prosecutor conceded that the petitioner has no criminal antecedents, she pointed out that there is chance for influencing the witnesses and tampering the evidence, in the event of release of the petitioner on bail.

6. On scrutiny of the prosecution records, the prosecution case as to demand and acceptance of Rs.2,000/- as undue advantage and pecuniary gain by the petitioner could be gathered. Therefore, the offence alleged against the petitioner/accused is established, *prima facie*. However, the fact remains is that, the petitioner, a first time offender, has been in custody from 02.07.2025 and the investigation has achieved much progress.

7. Taking into consideration the above aspects, I am of the view that, further custody of the petitioner, for the purpose of investigation is not necessary and he can be enlarged on bail.

Therefore, this petition stands allowed. The petitioner is enlarged on bail on conditions:

- i. The petitioner shall be released on bail on



executing bond for Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only) with two solvent sureties, each for the like amount to the satisfaction of the Jurisdictional court concerned.

ii. The petitioner shall not intimidate the witnesses or tamper with evidence. He shall co-operate with the investigation and shall be available for trial.

iii. The petitioner shall appear before the Investigating Officer as and when directed, apart from appearing before the Investigating Officer on all Mondays between 9 am and 10 am, for a period of three months or till the completion of investigation, whichever is earlier.

iv. The petitioner shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of this case, so as to dissuade him from disclosing such facts to the court or to any police officer.

v. The petitioner shall not involve in any other offence during the currency of bail and any such event, if reported or came to the notice of this court, the same alone shall be a reason to cancel the bail hereby



granted.

vi. The petitioner shall not leave the jurisdiction of the Jurisdictional Court without prior permission of the Jurisdictional Court.

vii. Violation of any of the conditions imposed shall result in cancellation of bail hereby granted.

Sd/-
A. BADHARUDEEN
JUDGE

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APPENDIX OF BAIL APPL. 8637/2025

PETITIONER ANNEXURES :

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| Annexure A | A TRUE COPY OF THE CRIME NO. V.C. NO.5/2025/TSR
OF THE VIGILANCE AND ANTI CORRUPTION BUREAU,
THRISSUR |
| Annexure B | A TRUE COPY OF THE CRIME NO. V.C. NO.5/2025/TSR
OF THE VIGILANCE AND ANTI CORRUPTION BUREAU |
| Annexure C | A TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER IN CRL.M.P. NO. 760 OF
2025 DATED 09.07.2025 BY THE HON'BLE ENQUIRY
COMMISSIONER AND SPECIAL JUDGE, THRISSUR |