## IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BECHU KURIAN THOMAS

MONDAY, THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2022 / 17TH SRAVANA, 1944

BAIL APPL. NO. 1327 OF 2022

CRIME NO.168/2022 OF MATHILAKOM POLICE STATION, THRISSUR

#### PETITIONER/ACCUSED NO.3:

SOBHA SUBIN
AGED 33 YEARS,
S/O.SOBHA,
KANJIRAPURAM HOUSE,
GRAMALAKSHMI ROAD,
KAIPAMANGALAM PO,
THRISSUR DISTRICT,
KERALA - 680681

BY ADV RENJITH B.MARAR

#### **RESPONDENT/STATE:**

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

BY ADV.M.K.PUSHPALATHA-PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

THIS BAIL APPLICATION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 08.08.2022, ALONG WITH Bail Appl..1306/2022 AND CONNECTED CASES, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

# BECHU KURIAN THOMAS, J. B.A.No. 1327 of 2022

Dated this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

### **ORDER**

This is an application seeking pre-arrest bail filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

- 2. Petitioner is the 3<sup>rd</sup> accused in Crime No.168/2022 of Mathilakom Police Station, alleging offences under Section 354C of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, apart from Sections 66E and 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- 3. Petitioner apprehends arrest in a non-bailable offence allegedly under Section 67 of the IT Act.
- 4. The learned Public Prosecutor, upon instructions, submitted that the offence alleged against the petitioner are all bailable. The offence alleged under Section 67 of the IT Act is punishable with the imprisonment for 3 years on first conviction

and is hence bailable when read along with Section 77B of the IT Act.

5. In view of the above, the offences alleged against the petitioner, being bailable, this application is not maintainable.

Accordingly, this bail application is dismissed.

BECHU KURIAN THOMAS JUDGE

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