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State moves Kerala High Court against anticipatory bail to MLA Rahul Mamkootathil in second rape case



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The Kerala government on Thursday moved the Kerala High Court challenging the order of a trial court giving anticipatory bail to Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Rahul Mamkootathil in the second rape case registered against him. [Rahul BR @Rahul Mamkootathil v. State of Kerala]

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District and Sessions Judge Nazeera S. The same judge had earlier dismissed Mamkootathil's plea for anticipatory bail in relation to another rape case made against him.

The allegations against Rahul Mamkootathil came from a complaint forwarded by Sunny Joseph, the President of the Kerala Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) to the State Police Chief, based on an email sent by the complainant. Mamkootathil is accused of raping the complainant in 2023 after inviting her to a resort under the pretext of talking a possible marriage proposal.

She stated in her complaint that Mamkootathil obtained her Telegram contact, persuaded her to meet him under the pretext of talking future plans, and later took her to an isolated homestay along with a friend. There, he reportedly assaulted and raped her resulting in several injuries on her body.

The Crime Branch later registered the rape case based on the complaint forwarded by KPCC President and initiated investigation.

In his plea before the Sessions Court, Mamkootathil claimed that the accusations were false and politically motivated. He contended that there was no material proof to substantiate the allegations and that the entire case was meant to tarnish his public standing.

The Congress party had suspended Mamkootathil's membership in August this year after claims of sexual misconduct were made against him by several women. Mamkootathil had also resigned from his post as Youth Congress Chief. Last week, he was removed from the Congress Party. However, he continues to be an MLA serving Palakkad constituency.

The Kerala High Court had last week stayed his arrest in the another rape case brought by a journalist