



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Tuesday, the Seventh day of November Two Thousand Seventeen

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRL OP(MD) No.15088 of 2017

VALLINAYAGAM

... PETITIONER/ACCUSED No.2

Vs

THE STATE REP BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MELAPALAYAM POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT
(CRIME NO. 568 OF 2017)

... RESPONDENT / COMPLAINANT

For Petitioner : M/S.MR.BALAJI, Advocate

For Respondent : MR.K.ANBARASAN, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec. 438 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner, apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 294(B), 353, 506(ii), 379 of IPC and Section 4(1), 4A(1), 4(2), 21(1), 21(5) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.568 of 2017, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 23.10.2017, when a lorry has been stopped for checking by the respondent police, who was on duty, the petitioner and other accused persons abused the respondent police with filthy language and they also did not co-operate with the respondent police to conduct checking process and they tried to start the vehicle. But, the respondent police stopped and checked the vehicle. They found that the petitioner and other accused persons were illegally transported river sand. Hence, a complaint has been registered against the petitioner and other accused persons for the above said offences.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is innocent and he has not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution. He fairly conceded that the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions.



4. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the State submitted that the vehicle was seized by the respondent police and a case was registered against the petitioner. He further submitted that if the person is caught with illegal sand in the mining area, he has to be directed to deposit the conditional amount to the credit of Crime number. However, in view of formation of District Mineral Foundation Trust, the amount may be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation in the illegal sand mining affected area.

5. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and also considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions.

6. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the Judicial Magistrate V, Tirunelveli District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or to the police officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

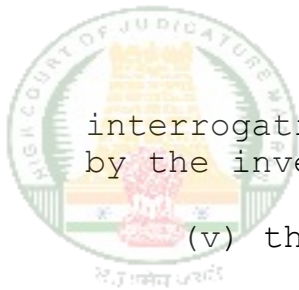
(i) the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust Fund, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and therefore, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(ii) the petitioner shall report before the investigation officer, daily between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m., for a period of two weeks;

(iii) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

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(iv) the petitioner shall make himself available for



interrogation including custodial interrogation as and when required by the investigation officer;

(v) the petitioner shall not commit any offence while on bail;

(vi) 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 and the anticipatory bail granted stands cancelled automatically.

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07/11/2017

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.VI, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT
- 2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MELAPALAYAM POLICE STATION,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI
- 5 THE OFFICE INCHARGER,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT

+1. CC to M/S.R.ANAND Advocate SR.No.33992

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