

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Twelfth day of July Two Thousand Eighteen

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.17574 of 2018

KARNAN

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP. BY

[RESPONDENT]

INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SADRAS POLICE STATION,
KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT.
CR.NO. 394 OF 2016

For Petitioner : M/S.A.VENKATESAN Advocate

For Respondent : MR.M.MOHAMED RIYAZ, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner seeks anticipatory bail in Crime No.394 of 2018 registered by the respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 379 of IPC.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the de-facto complainant is that the petitioner along with other accused indulged in commission of theft of river sand.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that earlier, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of two applications in CrI.O.P.Nos.21134 of 2017 and 10940 of 2018. He would submit that CrI.O.P.No.21134 of 2017 was dismissed on the ground that the petitioner is involved in one more previous case of similar nature. He would submit that subsequently, the second application was dismissed as withdrawn. He would submit that he had verified with the respondent and that he comes to understand that there is no previous case pending against him before the concerned respondent or any other respondent and hence, he would pray that the petitioner may be granted anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that earlier two petitions have been filed by the petitioner and another accused, in which, in respect_of Karthick, there are previous cases and in respect of Karnan, the petitioner herein, there is no previous case. 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 in each district, the amount may be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation work in the areas affected by illegal sand mining.

5. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken by the State Government 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 make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions. This amount so deposited shall be utilised by the Trust for rehabilitation works.

6. It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioner to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of anticipatory bail.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Thirukkazhukundran, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the said Magistrate, on further condition that:

[i] if the petitioner fails to surrender before the said Magistrate within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this Order shall stand automatically cancelled.

(ii) the petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the credit of the Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and thereafter, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

[iii] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30.a.m until further orders.

[iv] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[v] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[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 as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner released on bail by the learned Magistrate/Trial Court himself as laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **P.K.Shaji vs. State of Kerala [(2005)AIR SCW 5560]**.

[vii] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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12/07/2018

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THIRUKKAZHUKUNDRAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CHENGALPATTU [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SADRAS POLICE STATION,
KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT.

5 THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
CHENGALPATTU.

+1CC to M/S.A.VENKATESAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR NO.12945

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Date :12/07/2018

MK:19/07/2018