



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.03.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.N.PRAKASH

Crl.A.(MD)No.148 of 2018

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: Appellant/ Accused No.6

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi (Rural),
Thoothukudi,
Thoothukudi District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Pudukkottai Police Station,
Pudukkottai,
Thoothukudi District.
(Crime No.223 of 2017).

3.Lingadurai

: Respondents/ Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Appeal is filed under Section 14-A(2) of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015, to set aside the order dated 13.03.2018 passed in Cr.M.P.No.675 of 2018 on the file of the learned Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli and enlarge the appellant on bail in Crime No.223 of 2017 pending on the file of the second respondent police.

For Appellant

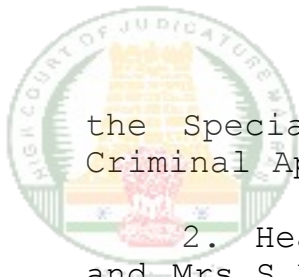
: Mr.N.Pragalathan

For Respondents 1&2

: Mrs.S.Bharathi,
Government Advocate (Crl.side)

JUDGMENT

The respondent police registered a case in Crime No.223 of 2017 under Sections 147, 294(b), 323, 324, 506(ii) of the Indian Penal Code and Sections 3(1)(r), 3(1)(s) and 3(2)(Va) of the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Amendment Act, 2015 and arrested the appellant on 05.06.2017. The appellant filed Cr.M.P.No.1570 of 2017 before the learned Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli for bail and he was granted interim bail on 23.06.2017 on certain conditions. Since the appellant did not comply with those conditions, Non-bailable Warrant was issued against him and he was arrested on 30.12.2017 and remanded to judicial custody. The appellant filed a fresh application in Cr.M.P.No.675 of 2018, which has been dismissed by



the Special Court on 13.03.2018, challenging which, the present Criminal Appeal has been filed.

2. Heard Mr.N.Pragalathan, learned counsel for the appellant and Mrs.S.Bharathi, learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) for the first and second respondents.

3. The fact remains that the appellant was initially arrested on 05.06.2017 and he was granted interim bail on 23.06.2017. Since he did not comply with the conditions, he was again arrested on 30.12.2017 and is in incarceration till date.

4. In the opinion of this Court, the appellant has suffered sufficient punishment by being in incarceration from 30.12.2017 to this date for his failure to comply with the earlier conditions imposed by the Court below.

5. In fine, the Criminal Appeal is allowed and the Appellant/Accused No.6 is ordered to be released on bail, subject to the following conditions:

- (i) the appellant / accused No.6 shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen thousand only) with two sureties, of whom, one should be a blood relative, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli;
- (ii) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli, may obtain a copy of their Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity.
- (iii) On release, the appellant / accused No.6 shall stay at Ambattur and sign before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur, every day at 10:30 a.m., and 05.00 p.m., for a period of one month and thereafter, as and when required by the respondent police for interrogation.
- (iv) the appellant/accused No.6 shall not enter Thoothukudi District for a period of one month;
- (v) If the appellant/accused No.6 does not comply with the conditions, the learned Judicial Magistrate, Ambattur, is directed to send a report to the learned Second Additional District and Sessions Judge, Tirunelveli, who shall take steps to cancel the bail.



(vi) the appellant / accused No.6 shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(vii) the appellant / accused No.6 shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

(viii) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the appellant / accused No.6 in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the appellant / accused No.6 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].

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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To

- 1.The Second Additional District and Sessions Judge(PCR),
Tirunelveli.
- 2.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Thoothukudi (Rural),
Thoothukudi, Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Inspector of Police,
Pudukkottai Police Station,
Pudukkottai, Thoothukudi District.
- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.
5. The Superintendent of Prison,
Central prison, Palayamkottai.
6. The Judicial Magistrate,
Ambattur.
7. The Director General of Police,
Mylapore, Chennai.

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