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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Order Reserved on : 27.6.2018
Order Pronounced on : 24.08.2018

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

Crl.O.P.(MD) No.8230 of 2018

1 Alphones
2 Vetrivel
3 Muthu kumar
4. Manikandan @ Mani ...Petitioners

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Sakkottai Police Station,
Karaikudi, Sivaganga District. ...Respondent

Prayer: Petition is filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C, seeking direction to the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi to accept two sureties in common for the bail orders in Crl.M.P.No.4077 to 4080 of 2017 on the file of the Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi instead of two sureties in each cases.

For petitioners: Mr.S.Chellapandian

For respondent : Mr.K.K.Ramakrishnan

Govt. Advocate (Crl.side)

ORDER

In a case in Cr.No.82 of 2017, the petitioners were arrested on 28.7.2017 for the offences under Section 457 and 380 I.P.C. Petitioners have filed the applications in Crl.M.P.No.4077 to 4080 of 2017 before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi for grant of bail.

2. Learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi by order, dated 16.11.2017 while granting bail to the petitioners, has imposed the



"The petitioners shall execute personal bond for Rs.5,000/- with two sureties each for likesum.

The petitioners are directed to get the countersign of the Deputy Tahsildar who is officiating at the native place of the petitioners/accused in the surety certificates and the petitioners/accused should submit the same for executing the bail bond.

The petitioners are directed to appear and sign before the respondent police daily at 10.00 a.m. for a period of one month."

3. Challenging the common order passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi, dated 16.11.2017 in CrI.M.P.No.4077 to 4080 of 2017, the petitioners are before this Court to quash the same in so far as the condition that the petitioners have to produce two individual sureties apart from execution of personal bond. The learned counsel for the petitioners/accused relied on the decision of this Court in **Balu @ Palavesam vs. State (CrI.O.P.(MD) No.23635 of 2014, dated 5.1.2015)** wherein this Court held as follows:

"3. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is of the view that the two sureties required in each of the case may be common in all cases.

4. Accordingly, this Court directs the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.I, Thoothukudi to accept two sureties common for the bail orders in Cr.M.P.No.6127 of 2014, CrI.M.P.No.5919 of 2014, Cr.M.P.No.5918 of 2014, Cr.M.P.No.5915 of 2014, 5914 of 2014, 5916 of 2014, 5917 of 2014 and 6070 of 2014 instead of two sureties in respect of each bail order. This Court would pass further order of modification to the effect that the petitioner shall appear before South police station, Thoothukudi, daily twice at 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. until further orders.

5. With the above modification, this Criminal original petition is disposed of."

4. In **Sivamani vs. State (CrI.O.P.(MD) No.10890 and 10892 to 10894 of 2017, dated 21.8.2017)** this Court held as follows:

9. Accordingly, the Criminal original petitions are allowed and the condition imposed



by the Court below in respect of producing separate sureties alone is modified to the effect that the petitioner is directed to produce common sureties of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each for a likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Sattur and the said court is directed to accept the common sureties. The other conditions remain unaltered."

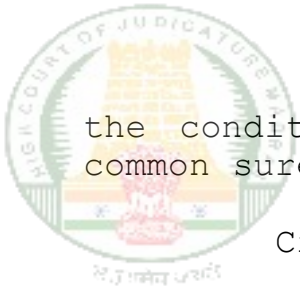
5. In the aforesaid cases, this Court has passed an order modifying the condition imposed, by directing the petitioner to produce common sureties and execute a bond for Rs.10,000/- for likesum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Sattur. Therefore, counsel for the petitioners herein seek to modify the condition by directing the petitioners to produce common sureties instead of separate sureties in the aforesaid cases.

6. The learned Govt. Advocate (Crl.side) would submit that the petitioners are involved in various offences and has absconded for several months to evade from the clutches of law and also relied upon the decision of this Court in **S.Velu @ Velautham vs. State (Crl.O.P.(MD) No.11888 of 2017, dated 4.10.2017)** wherein this Court held as under:

"4. The petitioner was charged for the offences under Section 392 and 397 I.P.C. Having regard to the gravity of the offences alleged in the complaint against the petitioner, the condition imposed by the lower court appears to be reasonable and this Court does not find any reason to interfere with this petition. Hence, the Criminal original petition is dismissed."

7. In the case in hand, the petitioners were arrested on 28.7.2017 and remanded in prison for more than one year. Therefore, considering the period of incarceration, gravity of the offence alleged against the petitioners and the decisions of this Court cited supra, this Court is inclined to quash the orders, dated 16.11.2017 in Crl.M.P.No.4077 to 4080 of 2017 passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi in so far as the condition that the petitioners shall produce two individual sureties in all the cases.

8. Accordingly, the orders passed by the learned Judicial Magistrate, Karaikudi dated 16.11.2017 passed in Crl.M.P.No.4077 to 4080 of 2017 are quashed to the aforesaid extent by modifying



the condition that the petitioners are directed to produce two common sureties in all the cases.

Criminal original petition is allowed on the above terms.

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To

The Judicial Magistrate,
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