



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

Monday, the Third day of December Two Thousand Eighteen

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.NIRMAL KUMAR

CRL OP(MD) No.21339 of 2018

1. BALAN @ BALAMURUGAN
2. MUTHUSAMY
3. RAMAN
4. MANIMARAN
5. V.P.PANNEER
6. JOHN

... PETITIONER / ACCUSED NO. 15 to 20

Vs

THE STATE THROUGH
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MANIKANDAM POLICE STATION,
TRICHY DISTRICT.
(CRIME NO.144/2018)

... RESPONDENT / DEFACTO COMPLAINANT

For Petitioners : MR.P.GANAPATHI SUBRAMANIAN Advocate

For Respondent : MR.K.SUYAMBULINGA BHARATHI,
Government Advocate(Crl.Side)

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

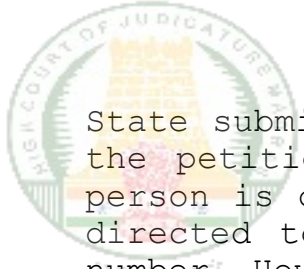
The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Section 21(4) of Mines and Minerals (D&R) Act, and Section 379 IPC, in Crime No.144 of 2018, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 15.11.2018, when the defacto complainant conducted a raid along with his officials, petitioners and other accused persons had illegally transported 9 units of sand in their vehicle without any valid permission. Hence, a case has been registered against the petitioners herein.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offences as alleged by the prosecution.

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4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.side) appearing for the



State submitted that totally 20 accused involved in this case and the petitioners are A15 to A20. 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 in the illegal sand mining affected areas.

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 petitioners, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven thousand Five Hundred only) each (Totally Rs.45,000/-)** to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to their rights and contentions.

6. It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioners to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the 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 Government Advocate (criminal side), this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.IV, Trichy District, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each 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:

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(i) if the petitioners fails to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days, this order shall stand



automatically cancelled.

(ii) the petitioners shall make a non refundable deposit of **Rs.7,500/- (Rupees Seven thousand Five Hundred only) each (Totally Rs.45,000/-)** to the credit of the Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to their defence before the trial Court and thereafter, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioners;

(iii) the petitioners shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

(iv) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(v) the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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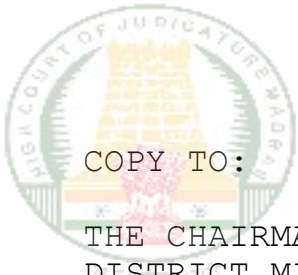
Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.IV,
TRICHY
2. DO THRO' THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TRICHY
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MANIKANDAM POLICE STATION, TRICHY DISTRICT.

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4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.



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ORDER

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