



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

Monday, the Twenty Fifth day of February Two Thousand Nineteen

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRL OP (MD) No.2861 of 2019

GOVINDARAJ

... PETITIONER/SOLE ACCUSED

Vs

STATE REP. BY,
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NAINARKOVIL POLICE STATION,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
(CRIME NO.14 OF 2019)

... RESPONDENT/ COMPLAINANT

For Petitioner : MR.D.SENTHIL Advocate

For Respondent : S.CHANDRASEKAR, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSEUCTOR

PETITION FOR BAIL Under Sec. 439 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner who was arrested and remanded in the judicial custody from 10.02.2019 for the offences punishable under Section 379 of IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, registered in Crime No.14 of 2019, seeks bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner illegally transported half unit of river sand.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case and that therefore, he may be granted bail. However, on instructions he would further submit that the petitioner is ready to deposit any amount in favour of Mineral Trust without prejudice his rights.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the State submitted that there is no previous case pending 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 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 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.

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 bail.

7. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties, of whom, one should be a blood related surety, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Paramakudi and on further condition that:

(a) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the concerned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

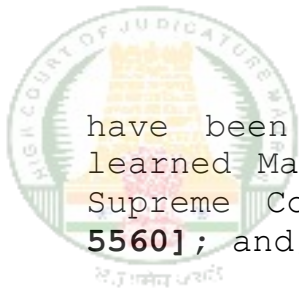
(b) the petitioner shall deposit a sum of **Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only)** to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust Fund, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and therefore, the learned Judicial Magistrate shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioner;

(c) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

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

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(f) 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]**; and;

(g) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC;

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25/02/2019

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

TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
PARAMAKUDI, RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NAINARKOVIL POLICE STATION,
RAMNAD DISTRICT.
- 4 THE OFFICER IN-CHARGE,
DISTRICT PRISON, RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.
- 5 ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

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DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
RAMANATHAPURAM DISTRICT.

+1. CC to MR.D.SENTHIL Advocate SR.No.3670

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