

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

Tuesday, the Sixteenth day of April Two Thousand Nineteen

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRL OP(MD) No.5704 of 2019

1 RAGUNATHAN
2 PRABHAKARAN
3 MUTHUSEVU
4 KUMAR @ MANICKAM

... PETITIONERS / ACCUSED
A1 TO A4

Vs

STATE REP.BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
BUDALUR POLICE STATION,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
Crime No.57/2019

... RESPONDENT/ COMPLAINANT

For Petitioners : Mr.R.MATHIYALAGAN Advocate

For Respondent : Mr.S.CHANDRASEKAR, Additional Public Prosecutor

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners who were arrested on 05.04.2019 for the offence under Section 379 IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Cr.No.57 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners illegally transported 1/2 unit of river sand each in two bullock carts.

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

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the State submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners. 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) 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 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, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

8.Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) each 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, Thiruvaiyaru and on further condition that:

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

(ii) the petitioners 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 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 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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16/04/2019

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

TO

- 1.THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, THIRUVAIYARU.
- 2.THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT AT KUMBAKONAM.
- 3.THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
BUDALUR POLICE STATION, THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
- 4.THE SUPERINTENDENT
CENTRAL PRISON, THIRUCHIRAPPALLI.
- 5.THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
THANJAVUR DISTRICT.
- 6.THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

+1. CC to Mr.J.MUNEER KHAN Advocate SR.No.6931

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