



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

Monday, the Tenth day of June Two Thousand Nineteen

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mrs.Justice T.KRISHNAVALLI

CRL OP(MD) No.6930 of 2019

1.RANJEET RAJA SINGH UTHAMASINGH,
2 RAJA PUNITHA,
3 SUGANTHA RAJA THANGAPANDIAN
4 SELWYN RAVIRAJA ARUNACHALAM

... PETITIONERS / ACCUSED
Nos.1 to 4

Vs

THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MEIGNAPURAM POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
CRIME.NO.45 OF 2019

... RESPONDENTS

For Petitioners : M/S.K.M.PRISCILLA JANCY Advocate

For Respondent : M/S.S.BHARATHI,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners, who are arrayed as A1 to A4 apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Section 379 IPC, in Crime No.45 of 2019 on the file of the respondent police and hence, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the accused had illegally transported sand in their vehicles from the lack.

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

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the accused being the owners of the vehicles bearing Registration Nos.TN-92-C-8492, TN-92-C-8031, TN-92-C-8058, TN-92-C-9616 have committed theft of sand from the lake and



hence, the Deputy Thasildar seized the vehicles on 25.04.2019 and in this case investigation is still pending.

5.It is seen from the records that the accused had illegally theft the sand from the lake. It is to be noted that over the years rivers in India have been affected by the alarming rate of unrestricted sand mining which is damaging the eco-system of the rivers and safety of bridges. It also weakens river beds, fish breeding and destroys the natural habitat of many organisms. If these illegal activities are not stopped by the State and the police authorities of the State, it will cause serious repercussions as mentioned hereinabove. It will not only change the river hydrology but also will deplete the ground water levels.

6.Keeping in view of the above facts, this court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this criminal original petition is **dismissed**.

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10/06/2019

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

TO

- 1 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MEIGNAPURAM POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
- 2 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

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