

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.6706 of 2020

1.Vasanth @ Vasanthakumar
2.Purushothaman
3.Ramesh @ Venkatesan
4.Venkatesan
5.Thanigachalam

... Petitioners

Vs.

The Inspector of Police,
Sadras Police Station,
Kancheepuram District.
(Crime No. 171 of 2019)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their
arrest by the respondent police in Crime No.171 of 2019, on the file
of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Ravi

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohamed Riyaz,
Additional Public Prosecutor

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(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections
379, 430, 294(b), 353 and 120B of IPC in Crime No.171 of 2019, on the
file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners have
indulged in illicit quarrying of sand with 6 bullock carts and also
abused the VAO. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would
submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been
falsely implicated in this case. On instruction, he would further
submit that the petitioners are prepared to deposit some
considerable amount to any charitable organization or association
without prejudice to his contention and prayed for grant of
anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioners have indulged in illicit quarrying of sand with 6 bullock carts and also abused the VAO. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each as non refundable deposit to 'The Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund', Indian Overseas Bank, SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172 without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioners have deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

(a) The petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- each as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of 'The Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund', Indian Overseas Bank, SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172 within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the petitioners are directed to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or their appearance and on production of proof of deposit of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the police officer who intends to arrest, failing which the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed automatically and on further condition that the petitioners shall also give an letter of undertaking before the respondent/police that the said amount has been paid in respect of particular crime number.

[b] the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the respondent/police may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] 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 the interrogation.

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners 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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

9. For reporting compliance, post on 03.08.2020.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE CUM
DISTRICT MUNSIFF COURT, THIRUKAZHUKUNDRAM

2 THE CHIEF MINISTERS PUBLIC
RELIEF FUND, INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK, SB.A/C NO.
117201000000070, IFSC CODE NO.IOBA0001172.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SADRAS POLICE STATION,
KANCHEEPURAM DISTRICT.

CC to M/S.K.RAVI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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