

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Nineteenth day of March Two Thousand Twenty

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice T.RAJA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.6425 of 2020

VENKATESHAN

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

THE STATE REP. BY [RESPONDENT]
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADALADI POLICE STATION,
THIRUVANAMALAI DISTRICT.
CRIME NO.113 OF 2020

For Petitioner : M/S. S.SILAMBUSELVAN Advocate

For Respondent : M/S. S.KARTHIKEYAN Additional Public Prosecutor

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Section 379,430 of r/w Section 21(5) of Mines and Minerals Act, in Crime No.113 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner has illegally transported 1 unit of sand. The respondent police is the defacto complainant in this case and when they were on patrolling duty, they intercepted the petitioner's vehicle and found that the petitioner was in possession of one unit of sand. Hence, the complaint.

3.Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has transported the sand and it is used only for his own use. But, the respondent police has misconstrued it and registered the case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.Learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved in this case is 1 unit. He would also submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the Madras Seva Sadan House for Destitute Children, Shenstone Park, 7 Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai -31 without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioner had 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 and the fact that the petitioner has transported the sand only for his personal use, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the Madras Seva Sadan House for Destitute Children, Shenstone Park, 7 Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai -31 and on production of receipt for such deposit, 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned District & Sessions Judge, (Special Court of Mines and Minerals), Thiruvannamalai, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

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

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of one week and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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].

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

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19/03/2020

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

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TO

1 THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE
(SPECIAL COURT OF MINES AND MINERALS),
THIRUVANNAMALAI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE MADRAS SEVA SADAN HOUSE FOR DESTITUTE CHILDREN,
SHENSTONE PARK, 7 HARRINGTON ROAD,
CHETPET, CHENNAI -31.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADALADI POLICE STATION,
THIRUVANAMALAI DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. S.SILAMBUSELVAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.No.5466

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