

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

( Criminal Jurisdiction )

Monday, the First day of June Two Thousand Twenty

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.6974 of 2020

MURUGAN @ SAKTHIVEL

[ PETITIONER / ACCUSED ]

Vs

STATE REP BY ITS [ RESPONDENT ]  
INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
ARANI TALUK POLICE STATION,  
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT  
CRIME NO. 149/2020

For Petitioner : M/S. V.BHAGIRADHAN Advocate

For Respondent : MR.K.PRABAKAR ADDL. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL 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 alleged offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC read with Section 21(1) of M & M Act in Crime No.149 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner transported  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit of river sand by using bullock cart without any valid licence. Hence the complaint.

3. This court heard the learned counsel for the Petitioner and the learned Additional Public Prosecutor for the Respondent and also perused the materials placed before this Court.

4. According to the Petitioner, the Petitioner is in no way connected with the alleged offences and he has been falsely implicated in the case on hand and he would submit that there is no previous case against the petitioner. On instruction, he would further submit that the petitioner is prepared to deposit an amount of Rs.5,000/- as non refundable deposit to the credit of concerned District/Taluk Legal Services Authority and prayed for grant of Anticipatory Bail.

5. On the other hand, the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, while opposing to grant anticipatory bail, would submit that the Petitioner had transported  $\frac{1}{4}$  unit. Hence, he opposed for the grant

of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. In view of the fact that there is no previous case against the petitioner 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only)** as non refundable deposit to the credit of the **concerned District/Taluk Legal Services Authority** without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

7. Merely, because the petitioner deposits 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.

8. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, 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.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the **concerned District/Taluk Legal Services Authority** and on such deposit, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the **learned Judicial Magistrate, Arni** on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with **one surety** 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 surety 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 deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees five thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the **concerned District/Taluk Legal Services Authority**.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[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 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]**.

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

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01/06/2020

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

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,  
ARNI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
TIRUVANNAMALAI[FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
ARANI TALUK POLICE STATION,  
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE  
DISTRICT TALUK LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,  
TIRUVANNAMALI

CC to M/S. V.BHAGIRADHAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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