

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED : 14.05.2020
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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN
Cr1.O.P.No. 7573 of 2020

J. Govindaraj

.... Petitioner

Vs

State by

Inspector of Police,

Yercaud Police Station,

Salem District

.... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No. 117 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ramana Reddy

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohammed Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 09.04.2020 for the offence punishable under Sections 4 (1) (a), 4 (1) (g) 4 (1-A) of TNP Act in Crime No.117 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 150 Litres of fermented wash and 5 litres of illicit spirit. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is not involved in the above alleged offence and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged by the prosecution and he did not commit any offence. On instruction, he would submit that in order to show his bonafide, the petitioner is ready and willing to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. Further he submits that the

petitioner is in judicial custody from 09.04.2020 and hence, he seeks bail for the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor (Crl. Side) would submit that the petitioner kept 150 Litres of fermented wash and 5 litres of illicit spirit and the same was seized by the respondent police from him. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the nature of allegations against the petitioner in the FIR and also taking note of the fact that the petitioner is in judicial custody from 09.04.2020, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions :

(a) the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) to the Chief Minister Public Relief Fund, Tamil Nadu, and on such deposit the petitioner shall execute his own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) before the Superintendent of the concerned prison;

(b) thereafter, the petitioner shall execute two sureties for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each, before the concerned Magistrate on or before 08.06.2020, failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically.

(c) 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.

(d) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. from 01.06.2020 for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for interrogation.

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

(f) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(g) 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].

(h) If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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

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14/05/2020

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 PRINCIPAL SESSIONS JUDGE,
SALEM.

2 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.V, SALEM.

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, SALEM.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
YERCAUD POLICE STATION 039
SALEM DISTRICT

CC to M/S B.SARAVANAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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