

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.05.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE V.M.VELUMANI

CrI. O.P.No.7814 of 2020

Iyaneshmani (M/25 Yrs),
S/o. Balasubramanian,
No.106, South street,
Kurichi Village,
Mannargudi Taluk,
Thiruvarur district

.. Petitioner/Sole Accused

Vs.

State represented by the
Inspector of Police,
Thalayamangalam Police station,
Thiruvarur District.

.. Respondent/Complainant

(Crime No.197 of 2020)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.P.Yuvaraj
for M/s.Swami Subramanian
For Respondent : Mr.M.Jothikumar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent Police for alleged offence punishable under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1882 in Crime No.197 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that while the defacto complainant and his Police party were checking vehicles during lockdown period on 14.05.2020 near Rajagopalapuram School, on seeing the Police, the petitioner stopped his Tata Ace bearing Registration No.TN 50 AL 9370 and ran away from the place of occurrence. On search it was found that ¼ unit of river sand was being transported without any permission or license. On complaint, a case has been registered under Section 379 of Indian Penal Code, 1882.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the

petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in the case. The petitioner is a respectable person in the locality, he is a permanent resident and he will not abscond. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, on instructions, further submitted 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 and prayed for granting anticipatory bail.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police submitted that ¼ unit of river sand was being transported without permission and license. He further submitted that investigation is pending and prayed for dismissal of the petition.

5.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent Police and perused the materials available on record.

6.Considering the nature of offence alleged against the petitioner and the submissions of the learned counsel on either side, this Court is inclined to

grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of his arrest or on his appearance within 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order before the Court of the Judicial Magistrate No.II, Mannargudi, Thiruvarur District, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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 Judicial Magistrate, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

(i) the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their Photographs and Left Thumb Impressions in the surety bonds and the said Magistrate may obtain copies of their Aadhar Cards or Bank Pass Books to ensure their identities.

(ii) the petitioner shall deposits a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) by Demand Draft in favour of the Joint Secretary & Treasurer, Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund (CMPRF), Finance Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009 or by

Electronic Clearing System (ECS) to the Savings Bank Account No. 11720 10000 00070 of CMPRF to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009 bearing IFSC Code IOBA0001172 and CMPRF PAN – AAAGC0038F, towards the fund collected for COVID-19, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(iii) the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police once in a week on every Monday at 10.30 a.m, until further orders.

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

(v) On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the concerned 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, reported in **2005 AIR SCW 5560**

(P.K. Shaji vs. State of Kerala) and

(vi) If the petitioner thereafter absconds, a fresh First Information Report shall be registered, under Section 229A of I.P.C.

7. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition is allowed.

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To

1.The Inspector of Police,
Thalayamangalam Police station,
Thiruvavarur District.

2.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court,
Madras.



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