

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.06.2020

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

Crl.O.P.No.8374 of 2020

1.Sivakumar
2.Suganya
3.Selvakumar
4.Arulselvan
5.Arulkumar

... Petitioners

Vs.

State represented by its
Inspector of Police,
Kadampuliyur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

... Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., praying to
enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.118 of
2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Sarath Chandran

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

ORDER

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent
police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 IPC and

Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No.118 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that while conducting a prohibition raid by the respondent police, the petitioners have illegally transported quarter unit of river sand by using a Bullock Cart, without any permit or valid licence and it was seized by the respondent police.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent and they did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing on behalf of the respondent police submitted that the quantity of sand involved is quarter unit of sand. The learned counsel further submitted that there is no previous case pending against these petitioners.

5.This Court is of the opinion that the petitioners can be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two thousand and five hundred only) each as non-refundable deposit to the credit of the Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerks Association, High Court, Madras, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court. Merely because the petitioners have deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.2, Panruti, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each 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 conditions that:

[a] the petitioners 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 petitioners shall deposit a sum of Rs.2,500/- (Rupees Two Thousand and Five hundred only) each as non refundable deposit to the credit of the **Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerks Association, Madras High Court, Chennai (Indian Bank, High Court Branch, A/c No.484026006, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157).**

[c] the petitioners shall report before the respondent police as and when required for 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 abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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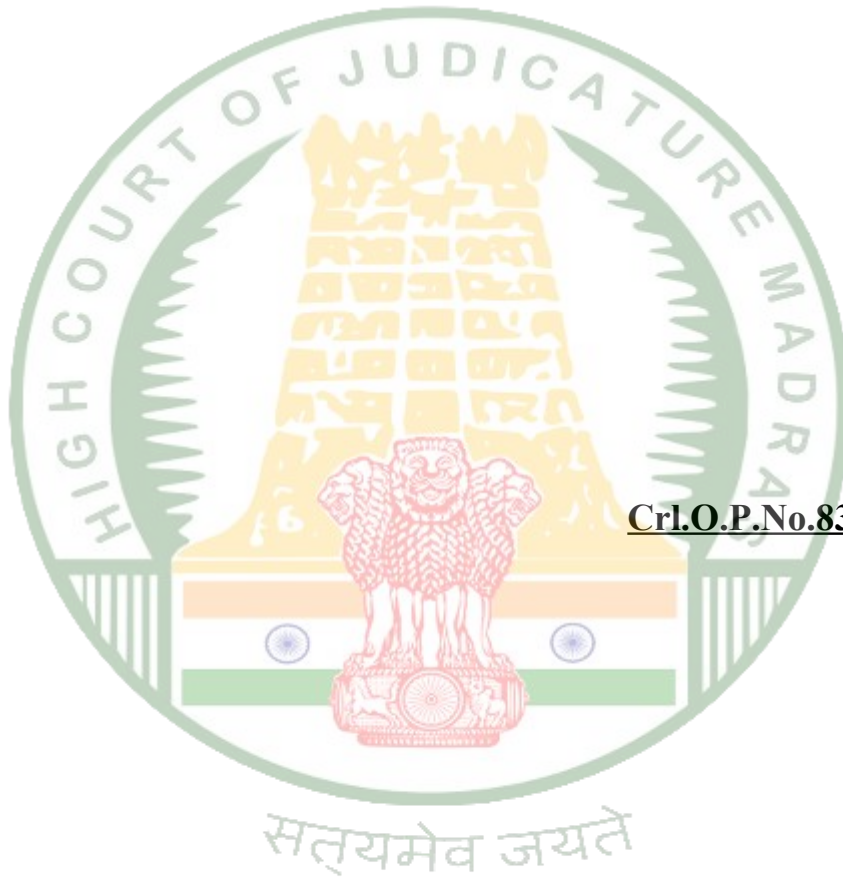
- 1.The Judicial Magistrate No.2,
Panruti.
- 2.The Inspector of Police,
Kadampuliyur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
- 3.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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