

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED: 17.06.2020
CORAM:
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH
CRL.O.P.No.8782 of 2020

Gowtham ... Petitioner
Vs.

State Rep by its
The Inspector of Police,
Veppanapalli Police Station,
Krishnagiri District
(Crime No.479 of 2020) ... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., praying, to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.479 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.M.Jayachandran

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

O R D E R

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Section 379 of IPC in Crime No.479 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has illegally transported five units of river sand in his tipper lorry without any permit or valid licence and it was seized by the respondent police.

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

4.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is five units of sand. The learned counsel further submitted that there is no previous case pending against this petitioner.

5.This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner can be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) as non-refundable deposit to the credit of the President, Tamil Nadu Advocates Clerk Association, High Court, Madras, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6.Merely, because the petitioner has 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, 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 arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Principal District and Sessions Judge, Krishnagiri, 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 jointly deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the **President, Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, Madras High Court, Chennai (Indian Bank, High Court Branch, A/c No.484026006, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157)**.

[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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17/06/2020

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 PRINCIPAL DISTRICT AND
SESSIONS JUDGE, KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
VEPPANAPALLI POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

4 THE PRESIDENT,
TAMIL NADU ADVOCATE CLERK ASSOCIATION,
MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI
(INDIAN BANK, HIGH COURT BRANCH,
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CC to M/S.M.JAYACHANDRAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :17/06/2020

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