

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CrI.O.P.No. 8910 of 2020

M.Nagarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
S-9, Pazhavanthangal Police Station,
Chennai District.
Cr. No.247 of 2019

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest
in Crime No.247 of 2019 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. M.Ravikumar

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

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The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections
379 of IPC in Crime No.247 of 2019, on the file of the respondent
police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner is
alleged to have drawn ground water illegally for commercial purpose
without any license. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit
that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed
any alleged offence. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to
the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the
respondent submitted that the petitioner illegally drawn ground water
for 24 hours and sold the same without any valid license. Hence, he
vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. 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.

6. 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready and on such deposit the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Alandur, 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 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 deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Justice Relief Fund, Madars High Court, Chennai and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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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,
ALANDUR.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
S-9, PAZHAVANTHANGAL POLICE STATION,
CHENNAI DISTRICT.

4 THE SECTION OFFICER
ACCOUNTS SECTION,
THE CHIEF JUSTICE RELIEF FUND,
MADRAS HIGH COURT, CHENNAI.

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

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