

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.06.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CrI.O.P No.9780 of 2020

1.Veerasekar
2.Arumugam
3.Jayasankar

.. Petitioners

vs.

The Sub - Inspector of Police,
Aladi Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Cr. No. 26/2020)

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, praying to enlarge the petitioners an anticipatory bail in the event of their arrest in Cr. No. 26 of 2020 on the file of respondent Police.

For Petitioners : Mr. R.Raji

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 Section 379 IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, in Crime No. 26 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners are alleged to have procured pebbles and gravel sand illegally from their agricultural field. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and nothing to do with the allegation attributed in the complaint. Hence, prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of pebbles involved is 10 ½ units and the quantity of gravel sand involved is 1 unit. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioners.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) jointly as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Madras High Court Advocates Clerks Welfare Associations (Indian Bank, A/c No.484077244, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157), 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 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 petitioners with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs. Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) jointly as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Madras High Court Advocates Clerks Welfare Associations (Indian Bank, A/c No.484077244, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157), 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-II, Virudhachalam, Cuddalore District, on condition that the petitioners 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 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. 5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) jointly as non refundable deposit to the credit of the Madras High Court Advocates Clerks Welfare Associations (Indian Bank, A/c No.484077244, IFSC Code:IDIB000M157), and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[c] the petitioners 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 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 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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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.II, VIRUDHACHALAM, CUDDALOE DISTRICT.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE
ALADI POLICE STATION, CUDDALORE DISTRICT,

4 MADRAS HIGH COURT ADVOCATES CLERKS WELFARE
ASSOCIATION, INDIAN BANK HIGH COURT BRANCH
SB.A/C NO. 484077244, IFSC CODE:IDIB000M157

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

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Date :30/06/2020

RVR 24/08/2020