

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.10365 of 2020

R.RAJA

...Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by Inspector of Police,
Anaikaranchatram Police Station
Nagapattinam District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
praying to grant Anticipatory Bail to the petitioner in the event of
his arrest in Crime No.121 of 2020 pending on the file of the
respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.E.Kannadasan

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the
respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections
379, 430 of IPC r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals
[Development and Regulation] Act in Crime No.121 of 2020, on the file
of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner has
transported ½ unit of sand illegally by using Bullock Cart without
any valid licence. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit
that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely
implicated in this case. On instruction, he would further submit that
the petitioner is prepared to deposit some considerable amount to
any charitable organization or association without prejudice to his
contention and prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the
respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is ½ unit.
He further submitted that there are three previous cases pending
against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for the grant of
anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there are three previous cases against the petitioner and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172 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.

(a) The petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172 within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of his arrest or his appearance and on production of proof of deposit of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for the like sum to the satisfaction of the police officer who intends to arrest, failing which the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed automatically and on further condition that the petitioner shall also give an letter of undertaking before the respondent/police that the said amount has been paid in respect of particular crime number.

[b] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the respondent/police may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police on every Monday and Friday at 10.30 am, until further orders.

[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.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

9. For reporting compliance, post on 03.08.2020.

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10/07/2020

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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
SRIKAZHI

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ANAIKARANCHATRAM POLICE STATION,
NAGAPATTINAM DISTRICT.

4 THE CHIEF MINISTERS PUBLIC RELIEF FUND,
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK, SECRETARIAT BRANCH,
CHENNAI SB.A/C. NO.117201000000070,
IFSC CODE. NO.IOBA0001172

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

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