

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 08.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.10253 of 2020

1. Raja

2. Babu @ Sivanantham

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Rep. By

The Sub Inspector of Police,

Chetpet Police Station,

Chetpet,

Tiruvannamalai District.

(Crime No.1968 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: 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: 1968/2020 on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioners : Mr.B.Jawahar

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 I.P.C. r/w Section 21(5) of Mines & Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957, Section 3 of TN Public Property (Prevention of Damage & Loss) Act, 1992 in Crime No.1968 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioners have transported 25 kgs of sand illegally by using two wheeler without any valid licence. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have been falsely implicated in this case. On instruction, he would further submit that the petitioners are prepared to deposit some considerable amount to any charitable organization or association without prejudice to their 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 25 kgs. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against them. Hence, he opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. It is seen that there is no previous case against the petitioners and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each as non refundable deposit to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172 without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. 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.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

(a) The petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) each 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 petitioners are directed to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or their appearance and on production of proof of deposit of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Ten thousand only) with two sureties each for the likesum 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 petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police on every Monday and Friday at 10.30am, until further orders.

[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 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 31.07.2020.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
POLUR

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE CHIEF MINISTER PUBLIC
RELIEF FUND, INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK,
SECRETARIAT BRANCH SB A/C.NO.1172010000000070,
IFSC CODE NO.IOBA0001172.

4 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CHETPET POLICE STATION,
CHETPET, TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.

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

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