

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.OP.No.10355 of 2020

Govindharajalu

...Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Tiruvallur,
Tiruvallur District.
(Crime No.310 of 2020)

... 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.310 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Muruganantham

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

O R D E R

(This 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 4(1)(aaa) and 4(1-A) of TN Prohibition Act, in Crime No.310 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found in possession of 4344 x180ml 1.FM,L liquor bottles. 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 rights and contentions and prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 4344 x180ml l.FM,L liquor bottles. He would further submit that the petitioner is the land owner and there is no previous case pending as against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there is no previous case against the petitioner and this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 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 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 petitioner with certain conditions.

(a) the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT in favour of the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 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 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 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 10.30am, 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.

Post the matter on 31.07.2020, for reporting compliance.

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09/07/2020

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, THIRUVALLUR.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PROHIBITION ENFORCEMENT WING,
TIRUVALLUR, TIRUVALLUR 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. T.MURUGANANTHAM Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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