

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 13.07.2020

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No.10463 of 2020

1.Vinoth Kumar
2.Rajkumar

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Rep. by,
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Sriperumbudur Police Station,
Sriperumbudur,
Kanchipuram District.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of their arrest in Crime No.1331 of 2020 pending on the file of the respondent.

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 and 430 of IPC., r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Act, 1957 in Crime No.1331 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 2 units of Savudu sand illegally by using their Lorry 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 Savudu sand involved is 2 units. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against them.

5. It is seen that there is no previous case pending against them 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.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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 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) each of the petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- 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 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 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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter as and when required for the 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 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 03.08.2020.

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13/07/2020

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

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1 THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM
JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, SRIPERUMBUDUR.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
SRIPERUMBUDUR POLICE STATION,
SRIPERUMBUDUR,
KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT

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

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

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