

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 17.07.2020

CORAM :

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

CrI.O.P.No.10722 of 2020

Palanisamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police
CSCID - Pollachi,
Coimbatore District.
(Cr.No.109 of 2020)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.109 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.W. Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.Mohamed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(This case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences publishable under Sections 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 r/w 7 (i) (a) (ii) of Essentials Commodities Act 1955 in Crime No.109 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that on 22.06.2020, the police went to the scene of occurrence, based on the information received by them and found that the petitioner was in possession of 1,050 kgs of PDS rice. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is a innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of PDS rive involved is 1050 kgs unit. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner, hence this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees twenty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to 'The Commissioner, Corporation of Coimbatore' 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.20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand only) as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of 'The Commissioner, Corporation of Coimbatore' 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 a.m. 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 08.08.2020.

-sd/-
17/07/2020

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.IV, COIMBATORE.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID - POLLACHI,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

4 THE COMMISSIONER
CORPORATION OF COIMBATORE.

CC to M/S. W.CAMYLES GANDHI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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