

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 17.07.2020

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

Crl.O.P.No.10698 of 2020

M.Prabhu

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Thanipadi Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai District,
Crime No.2030/2020.

.... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest pending investigation in Crime No.2030 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Krishnamoorthy

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 apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379 and 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 and 3 of Tamilnadu Public Property (Prevention of damage & Loss) Act 1992 in Crime No.2030 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner had transported 1 unit of sand illegally by using tractor without any valid license. 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 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 1 unit. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the

petitioner.

5. 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten 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 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 07.08.2020.

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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,
CHENGAM, TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
THANIPADI POLICE STATION
TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.

4 THE SECRETARY,
THE CHIEF MINISTERS PUBLIC RELIEF FUND,
INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK,
SB.A/c. No.117201000000070, IFSC Code. No.IOBA0001172

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

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