

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.07.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Crl.O.P.No. 10779 of 2020

Santhanakumar

... Petitioner/1st Accused

Vs.

The State represented by, ... Respondent/Complainant
The Station House Officer,
Annamalai Nagar Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
(Crime No. 486 of 2020)

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 439 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in connection the above Crime No. 486 of 2020, pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sankarasubbu

For Respondent : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran

Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 23.06.2020 for the offences punishable under Sections 379 & 430 of IPC read with Section 21(1) of MM Act in Crime No.486 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2 The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with another accused were found in illegal transportation of sand by using Tractor without any valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3 The learned Government Advocate, while opposing to grant bail, would submit that the petitioner was found in possession of one unit of sand, without any valid licence. He further submitted that there are eleven previous cases against the petitioner.

4 At this juncture, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that all the eleven cases related to the year 1990 and all these cases have got over. He submit that the petitioner is in custody from 23.06.2020 and he is prepared to comply with any stringent condition imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays to grant bail to 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, 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 deposits 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 into consideration of the facts and circumstances and also the submissions made by the learned counsels and also considering the period of incarceration by the petitioner from 23.06.2020, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) 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**, on such deposit and production of proof and also on executing his own bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only), before the Superintendent of the concerned prison, in which the petitioner has been confined and thereafter on his release;

(b) the petitioner shall execute two sureties for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Chidambaram, within a period of two weeks after lifting of lockdown or the commencement of the Court's normal functioning whichever is earlier, failing which the bail granted by this Court shall stand dismissed automatically;

(c) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(d) the petitioner 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 interrogation.

(e) the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar

(f) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(g) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(h) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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];

(i) 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.

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17/07/2020

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
CHIDAMBARAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
ANNAMALAI NAGAR POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 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. R.SANKARASUBBU Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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