

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 22.07.2020

CORAM :

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

Crl.O.P.No.10893 of 2020

B.Purusoth

... Petitioner

Vs.

State, represented by
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Arakkonam Town Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.498 of 2020)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.498 of 2020 pending on the file of the Sub-Inspector of Police, Arakkonam Town Police Station, Vellore District.

For Petitioner : M/s.V.Katturani

For Respondent : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 03.06.2020, for the offences punishable under Section 4(1)(a), 4(1-A)(ii) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.498 of 2020, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was illegally found in possession of 10 bottles of Honey Day Brandy each containing 180 ml. The same was seized by the respondent police.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and she has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner was arrested on 03.06.2020 and he is also suffering from kidney ailment and admitted in the jail hospital.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would vehemently oppose for the grant of bail to the petitioner stating that the petitioner has got 10 previous cases, out of which, he is convicted in 5 cases and four cases are pending investigation.

5.At this juncture, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that without prejudice to his defence, the petitioner is prepared to deposit considerable amount to any charitable Organization or Association, and that the petitioner has been suffering incarceration from 03.06.2020.

6.Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances and also considering the submissions made by the learned counsels and also the fact that the petitioner is suffering from kidney ailment, 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) to the Bar Council of Tamilnadu and Puducherry (BCTNP) Advocates Relief Fund, Indian Bank A/c.No.6873278505, IFSC: IDIB000M157, Madras High Court Branch, on such deposit and production of proof and on condition to execute 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 Judicial Magistrate Court, Arakkonam 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) 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.

(d) 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;

(e) the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter on every Monday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

(f) the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature;

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

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

(i) 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];

(j) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

6. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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22/07/2020

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 COURT,
ARAKKONAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
VELLORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, THORAPADI, VELLORE.

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4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ARAKKONAM TOWN POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

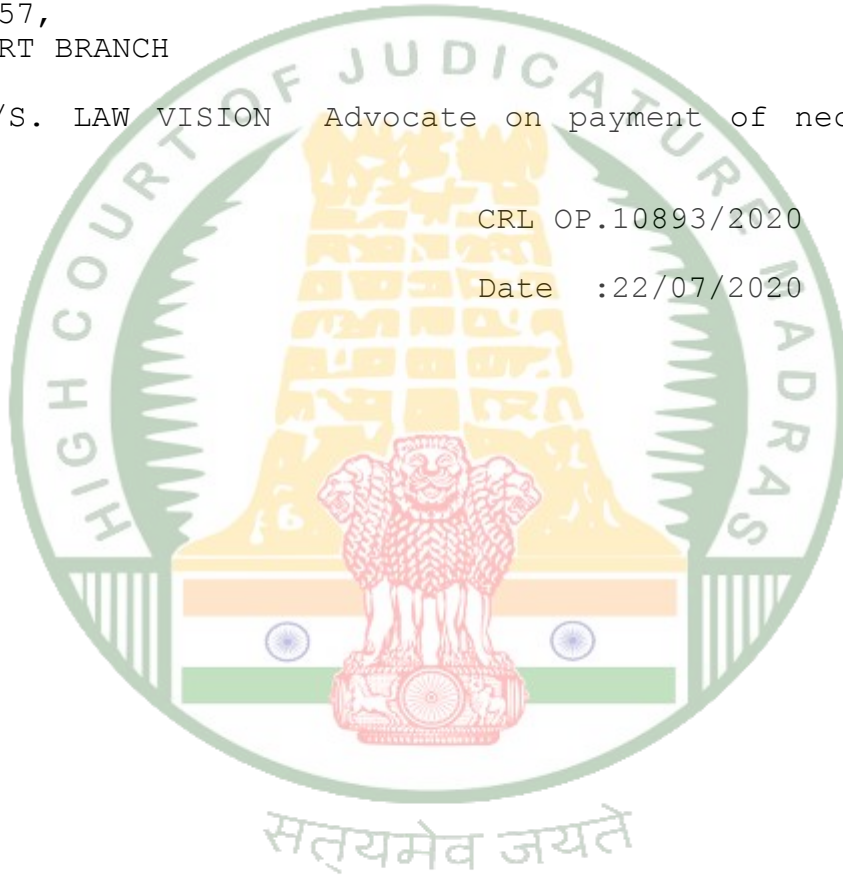
6 THE BAR COUNCIL OF TAMILNADU AND
PUDUCHERRY (BCTNP) ADVOCATES RELIEF FUND,
INDIAN BANK A/C.NO.6873278505,
IFSC: IDIB000M157,
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CC to M/S. LAW VISION Advocate on payment of necessary
charges

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