

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.08.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A. D. JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.11595 of 2020

1. Ramu
2. Sudhakar

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Oomerabad Police Station,
Ambur Taluk, Tirupathur District.
Crime No.1014 of 2020.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest by the
respondent police in Crime No.1014 of 2020 on the file of the
respondent police.

For Petitioners : M/s.S.P.Arthi

For Respondent : Mr. M.Mohammed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(This 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 IPC read with 21(1) of Mines and Minerals Act, in Crime
No.1014 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek
anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is
that the petitioners had transported one unit of sand through Tractor
without obtaining proper 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
taking into consideration the present Covid pandemic situation the
petitioner is prepared to donate/pay some considerable amount to any
charitable organization or association without prejudice to his
defence and prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the
quantity of river sand involved is one unit. He would further submit
that there is no previous case. However, he opposed for the grant of
anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. In order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and taking into consideration the voluntary submission made by the petitioner offering to donate/pay considerable amount to any charitable organization or association, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner may be directed to donate/pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to "Madras High Court Advocates Clerks Welfare Association, Indian Bank High Court Branch SB.A/c.No.484077244, IFSC Code No.IDIB000M157" 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 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 pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of "Madras High Court Advocates Clerks Welfare Association, Indian Bank High Court Branch SB.A/c.No.484077244, IFSC Code No.IDIB000M157" 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 on 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 a 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 a 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 every Monday and Friday at 10.30 am 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 is 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 27.08.2020.

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05/08/2020

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,
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2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
OOMERABAD POLICE STATION,
AMBUR TALUK, TIRUPATHUR DISTRICT.

4 MADRAS HIGH COURT ADVOCATES
CLERKS WELFARE ASSOCIATION,
INDIAN BANK HIGH COURT BRANCH
SB.A/C NO. 484077244,
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CC to M/S.S.P.ARTHI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :05/08/2020

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