

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 19.08.2020

CORAM :

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

CrI.O.P.No.12591 of 2020

Ajith Kumar,
S/o. Vijayabalan,
Mariyamman Kovil Street, Vathrayanthethu,
Bhuvanagiri (T.K),
Cuddalore District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Maruthur Police Station,
Maruthur, Cuddalore District,
(Crime No.219 of 2020)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section [*]438 of **Criminal Procedure Code** to enlarge the petitioner on bail in event of his arrest by the respondent police in connection with Crime No.219 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Muthukumar

For Respondent : Mr.K. Prabakar
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

[*]The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offence punishable under Sections 379 and 430 IPC, in Crime No.219 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported the sand in a gunny bags, without any permit or valid licence. 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 petitioners.

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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) jointly, to Missionaries of Charity, Mentally retarded children, Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, No.26/79, West Madha Church Road, Royapuram, Chennai - 600 013, South Indian Bank Limited, A/c.No.0042053000009382, IFSC: SIBL0000042, George Town Branch, 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) jointly, either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of Missionaries of Charity, Mentally retarded children, Nirmala Shishu Bhavan, No.26/79, West Madha Church Road, Royapuram, Chennai - 600 013, South Indian Bank Limited, A/c.No.0042053000009382, IFSC: SIBL0000042, George Town Branch, 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 their arrest or on their appearance and on production of proof of payment of the above amount and on further condition that each of 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 petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners are 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.

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19/08/2020

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

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

[*]for being mentioned as per the order of this court dated 10/09/2020 made in CRL.O.P.NO.12591/2020.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.I,CHIDAMBARAM

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MARUTHUR POLICE STATION,
MARUTHUR, CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

4 THE MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY
MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN NIRMALA SHISHU BHAVAN,
NO.26/79 WEST MADHA CHURCH ROAD,
ROYAPURAM,CHENNAI-600 0013

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

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Date :19/08/2020

RD 08/09/2020
RD 16/09/2020