

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 25.08.2020

CORAM :

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

Cr1.O.P.No.12963 of 2020

R.Santhoshkummar

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Latheri Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.338 of 2020)

.... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail, in the event of his arrest in Crime No.338 of 2020, pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Ilayaraja Kandasamy

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 apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 4(1)(aa), 4(1-A) of Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.338 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 30 litres of ID Arrack. Hence, the complaint was registered.

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. Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the petitioner was found in possession of 10 litres of ID Arrack. He would further submit that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner. Hence he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. In order to curb the illegal possession of ID Arrack 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 'Little drops', Account No.05811010002400, The Oriental Bank of Commerce, Moulivakkam, Chennai, IFSC Code - ORBC0100581, 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 pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of 'Little drops', Account No.05811010002400, The Oriental Bank of Commerce, Moulivakkam, Chennai, IFSC Code - ORBC0100581, 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 payment 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 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.

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25/08/2020

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 COURT,
KATPADI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
LATHERI POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

4 LITTLE DROPS,
ACCOUNT NO.05811010002400,
THE ORIENTAL BANK OF COMMERCE,
MOULIVAKKAM, CHENNAI,
IFSC CODE - ORBC0100581

CC to M/S ILAYARAJA KANDASAMY Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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