

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 28.08.2020

CORAM :

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

Crl.O.P.No.13136 of 2020

Muthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Bargur Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.749 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 arrest in Crime No. 749 of 2020 pending on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. M.Jayachandran
For Respondent : Mr. M.Mohamed Riyaz
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 IPC in Crime No.749 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had committed theft of one granite stone and had transported it illegally without any valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is only the driver of the lorry and that it was the owner of lorry who committed the said offence. 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 appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner had committed theft one granite stone and transported it illegally. He further submitted that there are no previous cases as against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail.

5. 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.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand only) in favour of **"The Joint Secretary & Treasurer, Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Finance (CMPRF) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009, Tamil Nadu, India, e-mail: jscmprf@tn.gov.in or by Electronic Clearing System (ECS) to Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009, S.B. Account No.117201000000070, IFS Code IOBA0001172, CMPRF PAN: No.AAAGC0038F,** without prejudice to 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.35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand Only) either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of **"The Joint Secretary & Treasurer, Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund, Finance (CMPRF) Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009, Tamil Nadu, India, e-mail: jscmprf@tn.gov.in or by Electronic Clearing System (ECS) to Indian Overseas Bank, Secretariat Branch, Chennai 600 009, S.B. Account No.117201000000070, IFS Code IOBA0001172, CMPRF PAN: No.AAAGC0038F,** 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 everyday 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.

9. Post the matter on **21.09.2020** 'for reporting compliance'.

-sd/-

28/08/2020

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 PRINCIPAL DISTRICT SESSIONS JUDGE,
KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
BARGUR POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

4 THE JOINT SECRETARY & TREASURE
CHIEF MINISTERS PUBLIC RELIEF FUND, FINANCE
(CMPRF) DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU,
SECRETARIAT, CHENNAI 600 009, TAMIL NADU,
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CC to M/S.M.JAYACHANDRAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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