

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.13203 of 2020

1.Kalidoss
2.Sankar

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Valagaiman Police Station,
Thiruvarur District.
(Crime No.1812 of 2020)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioners on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in Crime No. 1812 of 2020 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr. R.Nalliyappan

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

O R D E R

(The 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 r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957, in Crime No.1812 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution that the petitioners have transported one unit of river sand illegally by using tractor and JCB without any valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners 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 appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is one unit. He further submitted that there are no previous cases as against the petitioners. However, he opposed for 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 petitioners 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) jointly, in favour of "Claretian Life Animation Project Trust, A/c. No.1190155000096499, IFSC Code No.KVBL0001190, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Tambaram Branch, Chennai" without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioners have deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their 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 petitioners with certain conditions.

(a) The petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand Only) jointly, either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of "Claretian Life Animation Project Trust, A/c. No.1190155000096499, IFSC Code No.KVBL0001190, The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Tambaram Branch, Chennai" within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the petitioners are directed to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or their appearance and on production of proof of payment of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioners shall execute separate 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police every Monday and Friday at 10.30 a.m. until further orders.

[d] the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioners 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 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'.

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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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VALANGAIMAN.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, सत्यमेव जयते
VALAGAIMAN POLICE STATION,
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

4 CLARETIAN LIFE ANIMATION PROJECT TRUST,
A/C. NO.1190155000096499,
IFSC CODE NO.KVBL0001190,
THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD.,
TAMBARAM BRANCH, CHENNAI.

CC to M/S.R.NALLIYAPPAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :28/08/2020