

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 28.08.2020

CORAM :

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

CrI.O.P.No.13217 of 2020

Gopi

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State represented by,
The Inspector of Police,
Paradarami Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.445 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. 445 of 2020 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr. D.Balaji

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 alleged offences punishable under Sections 379 and 430 IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957, in Crime No.445 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution that the petitioner had transported half unit of sand illegally by using tractor 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. 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 half unit. He further submitted that there is one previous case as against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail.

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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) 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 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) 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 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.

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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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
GUDIYATHAM, VELLORE DISTRICT.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PARADARAMI POLICE STATION,
VELLORE 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.D.BALAJI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :28/08/2020