

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
Dated : 07.09.2020

CORAM :

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

Cr1.O.P.No.13865 of 2020

Srinivasan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep. by its
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID,
Chennai.
(Crime No.124 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.124 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Muruganantham

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 6(4) the Schedule Commodity Order and Sec. 7(1) (a) (II) of Essential Commodities Act, in Crime No.124 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is alleged to have transported 5,350 Kgs of PDS rice. 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 without prejudice to his defence, the petitioner is prepared to deposit considerable amount to any charitable Organization or Association. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 5,350 Kilograms of PDS rice. He would also submit that the petitioner has no previous case against him. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. In order to curb the illegal activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to **"The Commissioner, Chennai Corporation, (for the purpose of Amma Unnavagam)"** without prejudice to their 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 deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of **"The Commissioner, Chennai Corporation, (for the purpose of Amma Unnavagam)"** 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 on his appearance and on production of proof of payment of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioner shall execute 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 stands dismissed automatically and on further condition that the petitioner 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 petitioner in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioner is 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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07/09/2020

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 METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE NO.VI,
EGMORE, CHENNAI.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, सत्यमेव जयते
C.S.C.I.D, CHENNAI.

4 "THE COMMISSIONER,
CHENNAI CORPORATION,
(FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMMA UNNAVAGAM)"

CC to M/S T.MURUGANANTHAM Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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