

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.10.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.OP.No.16719 of 2020

P.Santhanakrishnan

..Petitioner

Vs.

State by

Inspector of Police

M-1, Virudhachalam Police,

Virudhachalam Taluk,

Cuddalore District

(Crime No.2071 of 2020)

..Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C., praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.2071 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Mutharasu

For Respondent : Mr.M.Mohammad Riyaz

Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(This 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 379, 430 IPC and r/w under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Developments & Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.2071 of 2020, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent Police was on routine checkup, the petitioner was found illegally transporting three units gravel by using lorry. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the quantity of gravel involved in this case is three units. He further submits that the petitioner without obtaining any permission from the Government had illegally transported gravel and caused damages to the ecology. Hence he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. This court is of the opinion that the offenders despite several orders passed by various benches of this court regarding illegal sand mining and knowing fully well about the evil consequences affecting the environment and society at large and the implications thereon are indulging in the offences of illegal quarrying/mining, theft and smuggling of sand and minerals. These cases come within the category of cases of large magnitude affecting and impacting livelihood of a very large number of people knowingly and unknowingly.

6. This Court finds that the discretionary power has been consciously and continuously misused by the offenders in an organised manner and this Court is of the firm opinion that the discretionary powers cannot be extended to persons indulging in illegal sand mining, smuggling and theft of sand and minerals.

7. In view of the order passed by this Court in Crl.OP.No.13334 of 2020 etc. Batch, dated 03.09.2020, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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28/10/2020

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 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
M-1, VIRUDHACHALAM POLICE STATION,
VIRUDHACHALAM TALUK,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

CC to M/S. G.MUTHARASU Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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