

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.11.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

CrI.O.P.No.17579 of 2020

Prakash

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represented by,
Forest Range Officer,
Mettupalayam Range (Taluk),
Coimbatore District.
W.L.O.R.No.7/2020.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to grant Anticipatory bail to the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in W.L.O.R.No.7/2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ramkumar

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 2(16), 9, 39, 50 and 51 of Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, in W.L.O.R.No.7/2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that on 15.08.2020, the petitioner along with other accused had laid country bomb to hunt the wild animal. At that time, a grazing cow got in touch with the bomb and the bomb blasted and the cow was injured badly. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel 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 a cow was found with blast injuries and since the petitioner happens to be a friend of the owner of the land, 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 would submit that the on 15.08.2020, the petitioner along with other accused had laid country bomb to hunt the wild animal. At that time, a grazing cow got in touch with the bomb and it blasted and caused injury to the cow. He would further submit that the other accused have been arrested and enlarged on bail and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and submissions of the learned Counsel, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions;

7. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen (15) days from the date on which the copy of the order is made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate Court, Mettupalayam, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed and on further condition that:

[a] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[b] the petitioner shall report before the respondent Police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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].

[f] 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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09/11/2020

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 COURT,
METTUPALAYAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER,
METTUPALAYAM RANGE (TALUK),
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S C.RAMKUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary charges
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