

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.12.2020

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

Cr1.O.P.No.20276 of 2020

Latha

... Petitioner

Versus

The State Rep.by

The Inspector of Police,
Gangavalli Police Station,
Salem District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to enlarge petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with Crime No.546 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Ganesan

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 for the alleged offences under Section 4(1)(a), 4(1-A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, in Crime No.546 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found in possession of 10 litres of I.D Arrack with an intention to sell it to the general public. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and she has not committed any offence. However on instructions, he would further submit that the petitioner is prepared to deposit some amount to any charitable organization or association without prejudice to her contention and prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner was found to be in possession of 10 liters I.D arrack with an illegal intention to sell it to the general public for pecuniary gain. He would further submit that there is no previous case against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there is no previous case against the petitioner and in order to curb the illegal activities with which the petitioner indulged, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner shall be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the account of The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856, without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. It is made clear that merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of her guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances of the case, 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.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of The Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856, 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 her appearance on production of proof of deposit of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees 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 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 daily 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 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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23/12/2020

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.II, ATTUR

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SALEM(FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
GANGAVALLI POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT

5 THE DEAN, RAJIV GANDHI GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL,
CHENNAI, BEARING A/C.NO.10273425961, STATE BANK OF INDIA,
PARK TOWN (CHENNAI), 68, EVENING BAZAAR ROAD,
CHENNAI, IFSC:SBIN0001856,

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

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