



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16/06/2020

PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRL OP(MD).No.6267 of 2020

Senthil Kumaran @ Vinoth ... Petitioner/Accused Rank Not KNown

Vs

The State rep. by
The Sub Inspector of Police,
Murappanadu Police Station,
Thoothukudi District.

Cr.No. 124 of 2020. ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s S.R.Duraiaraj, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.K..Suyambulinga Bharathi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec.438 of Cr.P.C

PRAYER:

To enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the FIR in Cr.No. 124 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent police.

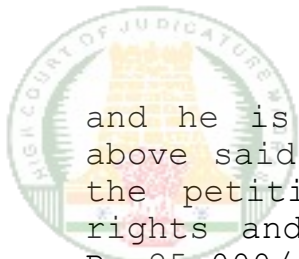
ORDER: The Court made the following order :

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate(Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent.

2. The petitioner apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under sections 379 of I.P.C. and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.124 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

3. The case of the prosecution is that the de facto complainant is the Village Administrative Officer of Aarampannai Panchayat. On 18.04.2020 at about 08.00 p.m. when the de facto complainant was under surveillance, he found three unknown persons who attempted to transport one unit of river sand illegally using 407 TIPPER Lorry. On seeing the de facto complainant, the accused persons ran away from the spot. The respondent police recovered the vehicle. Hence, the complaint.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution



and he is an innocent and he has been falsely implicated in the above said case. Further, the learned counsel, on instructions from the petitioner, would submit that without any prejudice to his rights and contentions, the petitioner is ready to pay a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five thousand only), as non-refundable compensation, by way of Demand Draft, in favour of 'The Dean, Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital, Thoothukudi District', for the purpose of providing facilities to the Health workers.

5.The learned Government Advocate(Criminal Side) has opposed to grant bail to the petitioner, since there were four previous cases against the petitioner and the investigation is at the initial stage.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions:-

(i) Accordingly, petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Srivaikundam and on his executing 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 learned Magistrate concerned;

(ii) The petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only), by way of Demand Draft, in favour of '**The Dean, Thoothukudi Medical College Hospital, Thoothukudi**', on or before 30.06.2020, for the purpose of providing facilities to the Health workers, as non-refundable compensation, without prejudice to his rights and contentions, since the Health workers put their lives at risk every day and play a critical role in preventing the spread of COVID-19 Pandemic;

(iii) The petitioner shall appear before the respondent police as and when required for the purpose of interrogation.

(iv) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/ Trial Court is entitled to 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]**; and;

(v) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

7.The petitioner shall appear before the concerned Magistrate



within a period of 15 days from the date on which the order copy made ready, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed.

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16/06/2020

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

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TO

- 1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SRIVAİKUNDAM.
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
- 2 -DO- THRO
THE CHEIF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THOOTHUKKUDI DISTRICT.
- 3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MURAPPANADU POLICE STATION,
THOOTHUKUDI DISTRICT.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

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