



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **06.08.2020**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **R.PONGIAPPAN**

Crl.O.P.[MD]No.8246 of 2020

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Somasundaram

... Petitioner/Accused No.2

Vs.

1.The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Tuticorin,
Tuticorin District.

2.The Inspector of Police,
Thattaparai Police Station,
Tuticorin District.
(Crime No.163/2010)

... Respondents 1 and 2/Complainants

3.Esakimuthu

... Respondent No.3/
De facto complainant/Victim

PRAYER : Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C, to direct II Additional District and Session Judge, Tirunelveli (PCR Act cases) to consider the bail application on his surrender on the same day, if any petition filed by the petitioner in Crime No.163/2020 on the file of the second respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Susi Kumar
For R-1 and R-2 : Mr.S.Chandrasekar
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

This criminal original petition has been filed seeking a direction to direct the learned II Additional Sessions Judge, (PCR Cases), Tirunelveli, to consider the petitioner's bail application on the day of surrender and dispose on the same date on merits and in accordance with law.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that based on the complaint given by one Esakkimuthu, the second respondent police registered a case against the petitioner in Crime No.163 of 2020, under Sections 288, 304 of I.P.C., and Sections 8 and 9 of Prohibition of Employment as manual Scavenger & Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 and Section 3(1)(j) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989. He would further submit that in the alleged occurrence, the petitioner was arrayed as second accused. In fact, the first accused alone engaging the deceased for cleaning



the waste in the septic tank and during the time of cleaning the same, accidentally the occurrence was happened. Therefore, registering the case against the petitioner is unlawful. However, the petitioner is ready to surrender before the Jurisdictional Magistrate and thereby it is necessary to direct the II Additional Sessions Judge, (PCR Cases), Tirunelveli, to consider the petitioner's bail application on the day of surrender.

3.The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 would submit that since there is a bar in filing an application for anticipatory bail in respect to the cases registered under the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, this Court, by exercising its power under Section 482 Cr.P.C., directs the Trial Judge to consider the bail application filed by the accused on the same day immediately upon his surrender. He would further submit that in this case, the gravity of the offence committed by the petitioner is very serious and as of now, investigation has not been completed. In the said circumstances, if the prayer sought for by the petitioner is allowed in his favour, it is very difficult for the Investigating Officer to complete the investigation. He would further submit that the petitioner has already filed a petition for the aforesaid relief in Crl.O.P(MD) No.7457 of 2020 and the same dismissed by this Court on 16.07.2020.

4.Upon considering the rival submissions made by either side, it is true that apart from the offence under Section 3(1)(j) of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the petitioner was charged for the offence under Sections 288, 304 of I.P.C., and Sections 8 and 9 of Prohibition of Employment as manual Scavenger & Their Rehabilitation Act, 2013. Further in the alleged occurrence, two persons were died. In the said circumstances, the involvement of the petitioner has to be thoroughly investigated and then only the Investigation Officer will come to the correct conclusion. Therefore, if any direction is issued in favour of the petitioner, it amounts to interfering with the investigation conducted by the first respondent. Hence, this Court is not inclined to allow this petition.

5.With the above observations, this Criminal Original Petition is dismissed.

Sd/-

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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