



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

Date : 24/09/2020

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V.BHARATHIDASAN

CRL OP(MD). No.9538 of 2020

PANDI ... PETITIONER/2nd ACCUSED

VS

STATE REP.BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID, VIRUDHUNAGAR.
CRIME NO. 110 OF 2020. ... RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Pon Karthikeyan,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.K.Suyambulinga Bharathi,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

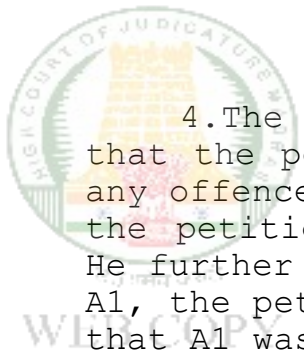
For Anticipatory Bail in Crime No. 110 of 2020 on the file of
the Respondent Police

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, who is arrayed as A2, apprehending arrest at
the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under
Section 17 of Tamil Nadu Kerosene (Regulation of Trade) Order 1973
and Section 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime
No.110 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks
anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner and other
accused were said to have illegally transported 1000 liters of PDS
Kerosene by using TATA ACE. Hence, a complaint has been registered.

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



4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. He further submitted that the petitioner has distributed kerosene to the card holders only. He further submitted that based on the confession statement given by A1, the petitioner has been arrayed as accused. He further submitted that A1 was already arrested and released on bail. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is the main man and he has supplied kerosene to A2. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and considering the fact that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and A1 was already arrested and released on bail, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

7.Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or his appearance, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Virudhunagar, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the respondent Police or to the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned 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 as and when required for interrogation.

(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]; and;



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

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24/09/2020

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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 NO.I,
VIRUDHUNAGAR.
- 2 DO THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VIRUDHUNAGAR AT SRIVILLIPUTHUR.
- 3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CSCID, VIRUDHUNAGAR.
- 4 THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER
IN
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