



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

Date : 28/09/2020

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr.Justice V.BHARATHIDASAN

CRL OP(MD). No.9954 of 2020

Marikannan

... Petitioner/Accused
(Rank Not Known)

Vs

State Rep.by
The Inspector of Police,
Nanguneri Police Station,
Tirunelveli District.
Crime No.234/2020.

... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioner : M/s.D.Venkatesh, Advocate.

For Respondent : Mr.R.Saravana Kumar,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in Cr.No.234 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

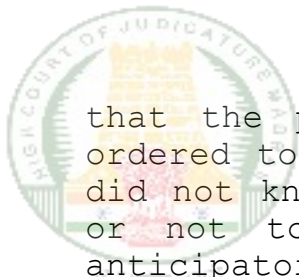
ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioner, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under section 379(Sand Theft) of I.P.C., in Crime No.234 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is a Driver of the vehicle. The allegation is that he said to have transported 18 units of 'saral sand' for Railway construction work, without any valid permission from the Authorities. Hence, the present complaint.

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 is only a Driver of the lorry and he was ordered to transport the sand for Railway construction work and he did not know as to whether the owner of the vehicle got permission or not to transport the sand. Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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5.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioner is a Driver of the vehicle. The allegation is that he said to have transported 18 units of saral sand for Railway construction work, without any valid permission from the Authorities. Hence, the crime has been registered. He further submitted that there is two previous cases pending against the petitioner, however, the same are not similar in nature.

6.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that the petitioner is only a Driver and he did not know as to whether the owner of the vehicle got permission or not to transport the sand for Railway construction, 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 Judicial Magistrate Court, Nanguneri, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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

<https://hccourtsrecords.gov.in/Kcse/CaseDetails.aspx?CaseNo=2020-9954> *Shriji Vs. State of Kerala [(2005) AIR SCW 5560]*; and;



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

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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, NANGUNERI.
2. DO-THROUGH THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.
3. THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NANGUNERI POLICE STATION, TIRUNELVELI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT, MADURAI.

ORDER
IN
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