



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Date : 16/10/2020

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PRESENT

The Hon'ble Mr.Justice G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

CRL OP(MD). No.11310 of 2020

1. Suresh @ Sureshkumar
2. Mariselvam
3. Kool @ Balakrishnan ... Petitioners/Accused No.1to3

Vs

The State rep. by
The Forest Range Officer,
Megamalai Range,
Theni District.
(In O.R. No.24 of 2020). ... Respondent/Complainant

For Petitioners: Mr.J.Lawrance,
Advocate.
For Respondent : Mr.R.Erottuchamy,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)

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

PRAYER :-

For Anticipatory Bail in O.R. No.24 of 2020 on the file of the Respondent Police.

ORDER : The Court made the following order :-

The petitioners, who are arrayed as Accused No.1 to 3, apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under sections 21(d)(c)(f)(e), 56 and 26(e) of Tamil Nadu Forest Act, 1982 and Section 2(16)(36)(37)9, 39, 50, 51, 57 of the Wild Life Protection Act, 1972, in O.R.No.24 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the defacto complainant and his team found that the petitioners have grazed their Cattles in the forest land without any permission or any pass from the Forest Officials concerned. Hence, the present complaint.



3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he seek anticipatory bail.

5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondent police submitted that the petitioners have grazed their Cattles in the forest land without any permission or any pass from the Forest Officials concerned.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the fact that there is no specific overt act attributed against the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

7. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or their appearance, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Aundipatti, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) each 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

(c) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(d) the petitioners 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 petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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



(f) if the accused/petitioners 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,
AUNDIPATTI.
2. -DO- THROUGH: THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
THENI DISTRICT.
3. THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER,
MEGAMALAI RANGE,
THENI DISTRICT.
4. THE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT,
MADURAI.

ORDER
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