

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Cr1.O.P.No.433 of 2021

Bathma

... Petitioner

-Vs-

State rep by

.... Respondent

The Station House Officer,
Panruti Police Station,
Panruti.

(Crime No.2166 of 2020)

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.2166 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners : Mr.D.Senthilkumar

For Respondent : Mr.S.Karthikeyan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 4 (1) (aaa), 4(1-A) of TNP Act, in Crime No.2166 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on 30.10.2020, at about 9.00 a.m., the respondent police was in patrol duty, they found this petitioner to be in possession of 120 liquor bottles and it was seized by the respondent police.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. However, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor would submit that the petitioner is illegally found in possession of 120 liquor bottles and it was seized by the respondent police. He would further submit that there are no previous case pending as against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Considering the fact that the entire contraband has already been seized and there is no previous case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Panruti, on 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 respondent police or the police officer who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate concerned and on further condition that:

[b] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the respondent/police may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m., until further orders.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[f] 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 is 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]**.

[g] If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

6. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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19/01/2021

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.I, PANRUTI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER
PANRUTI POLICE STATION,
PANRUTI.

+2 CC to M/S.D.SENTHILKUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.598

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