



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 01.02.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P. VELMURUGAN

CrI.O.P.No.1298 of 2021

Sounder @ Soundarajan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Gudiyatham Town Police Station
Vellore District.
(Crime No.50 of 2020)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No. 50 of 2020 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner : No appearance

For Respondent : Mr.S.Karthikeyan
Addl. Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

The criminal case has been registered against the petitioner for an alleged offence under Sections 379 and 430 of I.P.C. r/w 21(1) of M.M. Act in Crime No.50 of 2020. Accordingly, the petitioner has filed this petition seeking to grant anticipatory bail.

2. There is no representation on behalf of petitioner.

3. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the investigation is still pending and the charge sheet has not yet been filed. He would also submit that there is a specific allegation against the petitioner. Hence, he has raised serious objection to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. Since the offence is under Section 21 of Mines and Minerals Act and Sections 379 and 430 of I.P.C., this court, time and again, had passed stringent order that the cases under Mines and Minerals Act has to be viewed seriously and this Court shall prevent the exploitation of natural resources. Therefore, under these circumstances, considering the nature of offence, the investigation is still pending, the charge sheet has not yet been filed, there is



every possibility of committing similar offence and these people can spoil the natural resources like mines and minerals, which endangers to the society. Therefore, in order to safeguard the natural resources and also the mines and minerals, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, this Criminal Original petition is dismissed.

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01/02/2021

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,
GUDIYATHAM, VELLORE DISTRICT

2 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

3 THE INSPECTOR O POLICE,
GUDIYATHAM TOWN POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

CC to M/S.S.P.ARTHI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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