

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 05.02.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.1830 of 2021

Prasanna

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
CSCID Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.09 of 2021)

... 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.09 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the Respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jayachandran

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner is arrayed as A2. He apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 6(4) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDSCS) Order 1982 r/w 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No. 09 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, and now, he has filed this petition seeking to grant anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that 21.01.2021, when the respondent police had inspected the shop of the petitioner, they found that the petitioner was found in possession of 350 kgs. of PDS rice without getting any valid license from Government authority. On seeing the police, he ran away from the scene of occurrence. Hence, the criminal case has been registered against the petitioner and now apprehending arrest, the present petition has been filed. Now it is stated that A1 was arrested and released on bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not transported PDS rice, however, as per the F.I.R., originally some of other accused persons were in possession of the PDS rice. Hence, he is no way connected with the offence and he is an innocent person. He would submit that he has been falsely implicated as accused in this case. Hence, he prayed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that while the respondent police inspected the shop of the petitioner, they found that he is in possession of 350 kgs. of PDS rice without getting any valid license from the Government authority. He has further submitted that A1 was arrested and released on bail and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. I have heard and considered the rival submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for petitioner as well as learned Additional Public Prosecutor and perused the records.

6. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances, A1 was arrested and released on bail and there is no bad antecedents against the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner, subject to the following conditions:

a) 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-I, Krishnagiri, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, 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 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;

[c] the petitioner shall appear before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for the period of two weeks ;

[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 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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

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05/02/2021

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

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
C.S.C.I.D POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

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

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