

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.02.2021

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.2149 of 2021

Thennarasu

...Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by
Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Nagapattinam District,
Nagapattinam.
(Crime No.257 of 2021)

...Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.257 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Balamurugan

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 under Section 4(1)(aaa) r/w 4(1-A) of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition Act, 1937 & Transport in Crime No.257 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the de-facto complainant is that the petitioner along with other accused found in illegal possession 180 liters of Pondy Arrack. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is innocent and he has been falsely implicated in this case based on the confession statement given by A1. Therefore, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner along with other accused was

found in illegal possession of 180 liters of Pandy Arrack. He would submit that there is no previous case against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and also the submissions made by the learned counsels and also the fact that there is no previous case 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, Mayiladuthurai**, on condition that the petitioner shall execute a 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, failing which, the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed 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 report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[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.

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

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To

1. The Judicial Magistrate-I,
Mayiladuthurai.
2. The Inspector of Police,
Prohibition Enforcement Wing,
Nagapattinam District,
Nagapattinam.
3. The Public Prosecutor,
High Court of Madras,
Chennai-104.



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