

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Monday, the Fifteenth day of March Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice V. BHARATHIDASAN

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.5069 of 2021

1 R.LAKSHMANAN

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

2 K.RAJENDRAN

Vs

THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE, [RESPONDENT]
NALLIPALAYAM POLICE STATION,
CRIME NO.807 OF 2020,
NAMAKKAL TALUK AND DISTRICT.

For Petitioner : M/S. N.SUBRAMANIYAN Advocate

For Respondent : MR. S.KARTHIKEYAN, ADDITIONAL PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec. 438 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners (A1 & A2) apprehending arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Section 379 of IPC and Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, in Crime No.807 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the defacto complainant with his subordinates were conducting routine check-up, they intercepted the tipper lorry of the petitioners and on inspection they found 2 units of excavated earth without any valid permit. Hence, the respondent police registered a case against the petitioners.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are innocent and he is in no way connected with the offence. He further submitted that he has been falsely implicated as accused in this case. However, on instructions, he submitted that without prejudice to his rights and contentions, they are prepared to donate a considerable amount to charity and prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent opposed the petition stating that the petitioner has indulged in transportation of excavated earth without having any valid license and hence, the respondent police had seized the vehicle with the smuggled sand.

5. In order to curb the illegal transportation of mines and minerals and taking into consideration of the voluntary submission made by the petitioner offering to donate a considerable amount for charity, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner may be directed to donate a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten Thousand only) to charity without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court. Merely, because the petitioners has donated some amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and the fact that the petitioners has no previous antecedents, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners, subject to the following conditions :

(a) The petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten Thousand only) to the credit of "Awake Trust", Dindigul, having account at Bank of Baroda, Dindigul Branch, (A/c.No.75060100006955, IFSC No.BARBODINDIG), within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

(b) On such deposit, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail, in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.1, Namakkal, on condition that the petitioners 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:

(c) 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.

(d) The petitioners shall appear before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. for a period of two weeks and thereafter, as and when required for interrogation.

(e) The petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(f) The petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

(g) 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 5560].

(h) 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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15/03/2021

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,
NAMAKKAL.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
NAMAKKAL [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NALLIPALAYAM POLICE STATION,
CRIME NO.807 OF 2020,
NAMAKKAL TALUK AND DISTRICT.

5 "AWAKE TRUST",
DINDIGUL, HAVING ACCOUNT AT BANK OF BARODA,
DINDIGUL BRANCH,
(A/C.NO.75060100006955, IFSC NO.BARBODINDIG)

+1CC to M/S. N.SUBRAMANIYAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR NO.3451

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Date :15/03/2021