

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 19.02.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.2888 of 2021

Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State Rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Palladam Police Station,
Tiruppur Dt.
(Crime No.98 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.98 of 2021 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.P. Sundar Raajan

For Respondent : Mrs.M. Prabavathi,
Addl. Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

Totally, there are three accused and the petitioner is arrayed as A3. The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.01.2021 for the offence punishable under Sections 273, 328 of I.P.C. r/w 7(1), 20(2) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, in Crime No.98 of 2021, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that all the accused jointly owned a godown, in which, the accused persons said to have concealed 1221 packets of banned tobacco products. Hence, a criminal case has been registered against the petitioner and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 22.01.2021. Now, this petition has been filed seeking for bail.

3. The learned counsel appearing for petitioner would submit that he is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged in the complaint. He would submit that he has been falsely implicated in the present case. He would submit that he was arrested on 22.01.2021 and he is in jail for nearly 27 days. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would vehemently oppose this petition on the ground that that the petitioner is arrayed as A3 and the accused persons have concealed 1221 packets of banned tobacco products in their godown. She would also submit that respondent police has arrested the petitioner after following the mandatory requirements and he is in jail from 22.01.2021. She would also submit that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and the investigation is also completed. Hence, she opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the facts and circumstances, and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner from 22.01.2021, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on condition to execute 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Palladam and on further conditions that:

(b) the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the learned Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar Card or Bank Pass Book to ensure their identity;

(c) the petitioner, on his release from prison, shall report before the respondent police daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(d) the petitioner shall not commit any offences of similar nature;

(e) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(f) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(g) on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Judicial 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];

(h) 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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19/02/2021

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,
PALLADAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
TIRUPPUR [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, COIMBATORE.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE INSPECTOR FO POLICE,
PALLADAM POLICE STATION,
TIRUPPUR DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. P.SUNDAR RAAJAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.No.1952

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