

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.3415 of 2021

Bakthavachalam

... Petitioner

-Vs-

The State rep. By
The Inspector of Police,
Paradarami Police Station,
Vellore District.
(Crime No.484 of 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure praying to enlarge the Petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.484 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Paul Gnanamuthu

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 offence punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals Act, in Crime No.484 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported river sand by using Mini lorry, without any valid license. Hence, a complaint was registered.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner never indulged in any such offence as alleged by the prosecution.

Hence, he prayed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner had illegally transported river sand by using Mini lorry, without any valid license. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner. However, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

6. Considering the fact that the entire contraband has already been seized and there is no previous case, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with the following conditions:

[a] 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, Gudiyatham, on executing a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) each 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:

[b] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the respondent/police 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.

[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 is 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 abscond, 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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22/02/2021

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.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VELLORE [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
STATE OF TAMILNADU,
PARADARAMI POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

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

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