

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 26.02.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

CrI.O.P.No.3792 of 2021

Abdul Rasheeth

... Petitioner

Vs.

State by

The Inspector of Police,
Nellikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore - 607 105.
(Crime No.57 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.57 of 2021 on the file of respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.Govind Chandrasekhar

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner is a sole accused. The petitioner, who was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 02.02.2021 for the offence punishable under Sections 273 and 328 of I.P.C. r/w Section 24(1) of the Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act, 2003, in Crime No.57 of 2021, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that on inspection, on the date of occurrence, the respondent police found that the petitioner was in possession of 313 kgs. of gutkha in his godown and the same was seized by the police. Accordingly, a criminal case was registered, and he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody on 02.02.2021. Now, this petition has been filed seeking for bail. It is also stated that there are three previous cases similar in nature is pending against the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for petitioner would submit that the petitioner has been falsely implicated in this case and he is in jail for nearly one month. He would submit that he is an innocent person and he is no way connected with the offence as alleged in the complaint. On instruction, he would further submit that without prejudice to his right and contentions, he is prepared to deposit/pay some considerable amount to any charitable organization or association. Hence, he prayed to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor appearing for the respondent would submit that the petitioner is an habitual offender and having three previous cases pending against him, which are similar in nature. Hence, she opposed to grant bail to the petitioner.

5. Taking into consideration of the voluntary submission made by the petitioner offering to deposit or to pay considerable amount to any charitable organization or association, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner may be directed to deposit/pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) to the Anandha Kuzanthaikal Rehabilitation Centre, MR Special Residential School Home, 12 a/lb, Melpatti Road, Kakathopu Village, Chettikkupam Post, Gudiyatham, Vellore Dt. (Contact : Mobile No.90478 18174), A/c.No.950101028130 IFSC.No. CNR B0000950 without prejudice to his right and contention before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances and also considering the fact that the investigation is almost completed and also considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner from 02.02.2021, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following stringent conditions :-

(a) The petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of Anandha Kuzanthaikal Rehabilitation Centre, MR Special Residential School Home, 12 a/lb, Melpatti Road, Kakathopu Village, Chettikkupam Post, Gudiyatham, Vellore Dt. (Contact : Mobile No.90478 18174), A/c.No.950101028130 IFSC.No. CNR B0000950, within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On such deposit, 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-I, Cuddalore, 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. for the period of two weeks;

(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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26/02/2021

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, CUDDALORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE OFFICER INCHARGE
SUB-JAIL, CUDDALORE.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
NELLIKUPPAM POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE.

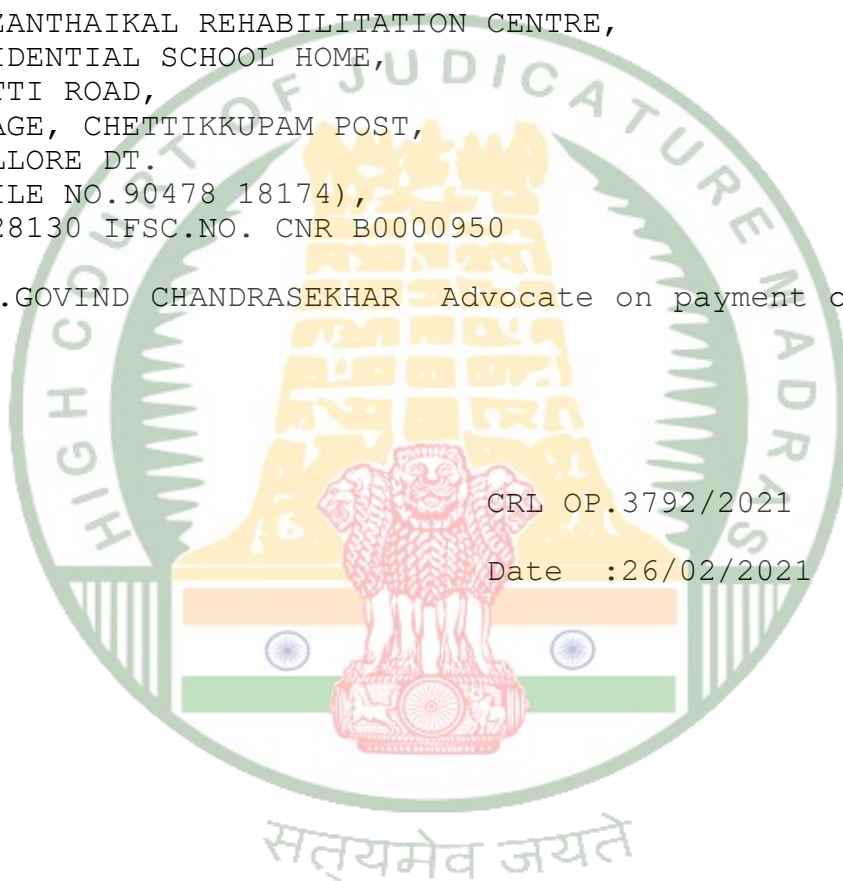
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MR SPECIAL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HOME,
12 A/1B, MELPATTI ROAD,
KAKATHOPU VILLAGE, CHETTIKKUPAM POST,
GUDIYATHAM, VELLORE DT.
(CONTACT : MOBILE NO.90478 18174),
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CC to M/S.GOVIND CHANDRASEKHAR Advocate on payment of necessary
charges

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