

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Thursday, the Twenty Ninth day of April Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.7593 of 2021

1 N.GANESAN
2 A.VELMURUGAN

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY [RESPONDENT]
THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
NEYVELI THERMAL POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.
CR.NO.65 OF 2021.

For Petitioner : M/S.K.GANDHI KUMAR Advocate

For Respondent : MR.T.SHUNMUGA RAJESWARAN,
Government Advocate (crl.side)

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

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379 IPC and 21 of Mines and Minerals Act, in Crime No.65 of 2021, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were carrying 1/4 unit of river sand by using lorry and JCP, without any valid license. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, he would further submit that the petitioners, without prejudice to their rights, are ready to deposit the amount that is to be imposed by this Court to the Mineral Foundation Trust.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) would submit that the vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police. He further submitted that if the person is caught with illegal sand in the mining area, he has to be directed to deposit the conditional amount to the credit of Crime number. However, in view of formation of District Mineral Foundation Trust in each District, the amount may be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation in the areas affected by illegal sand mining.

5.In view of the rehabilitation undertaken by the State Government under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and also considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioners shall be directed to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to their rights and contentions. The amount so deposited shall be utilised by the Trust for rehabilitation works.

6.It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioners to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of bail.

7.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side), I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

8.Accordingly, 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Neyveli, on condition that the petitioners shall execute a separate 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 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:

(a)the petitioners shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) through demand draft to the credit of the Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to their defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioners;

(b) 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.

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

(d) the petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

(e) the petitioners 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 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].

(g) If the accused thereafter abscond, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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29/04/2021

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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TO

1 THE DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM
JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, NEYVELI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
NEYVELI THERMAL POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 THE CHAIRMAN/ DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
CUDDALORE.

+1 CC to M/S.K.GANDHI KUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.No.5577

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