

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Twenty Eighth day of April Two Thousand Twenty
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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.7963 of 2021

1 SENTHIL

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

2 RAJAMANI

3 VETRI SELVAN

Vs

THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
VEPPUR POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT
(CRIME NO.133/2021)

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.S.SARAVANAKUMAR Advocate

For Respondent : MR.T. SHUNMUGARAJESWARAN, Govt. Advocate
(Criminal 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 alleged offence punishable under Sections 379 & 431 of IPC r/w Section 2(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act 1957 in Crime No.133 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found procuring sand in JCB at Government Poramboke land. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners did not commit any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, he further submits that the petitioners, without prejudice to their rights, is ready to deposit any amount that is to be imposed by this Court

to the Mineral Foundation Trust. Hence, he sought for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

4.The learned Government Advocate submitted that the vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police and there is no previous case pending against the petitioners. The learned counsel further submitted that if any 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 jointly make a non refundable deposit of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty 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.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 of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Virudhachalam, 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 and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioners and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

(b) the petitioners are directed to jointly make a non refundable deposit of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) to the credit of the concerned

District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to their rights and contentions.

(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]; and;

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

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28/04/2021

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

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TO

1. THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I
VIRUDHACHALAM CUDDALORE DISTRICT

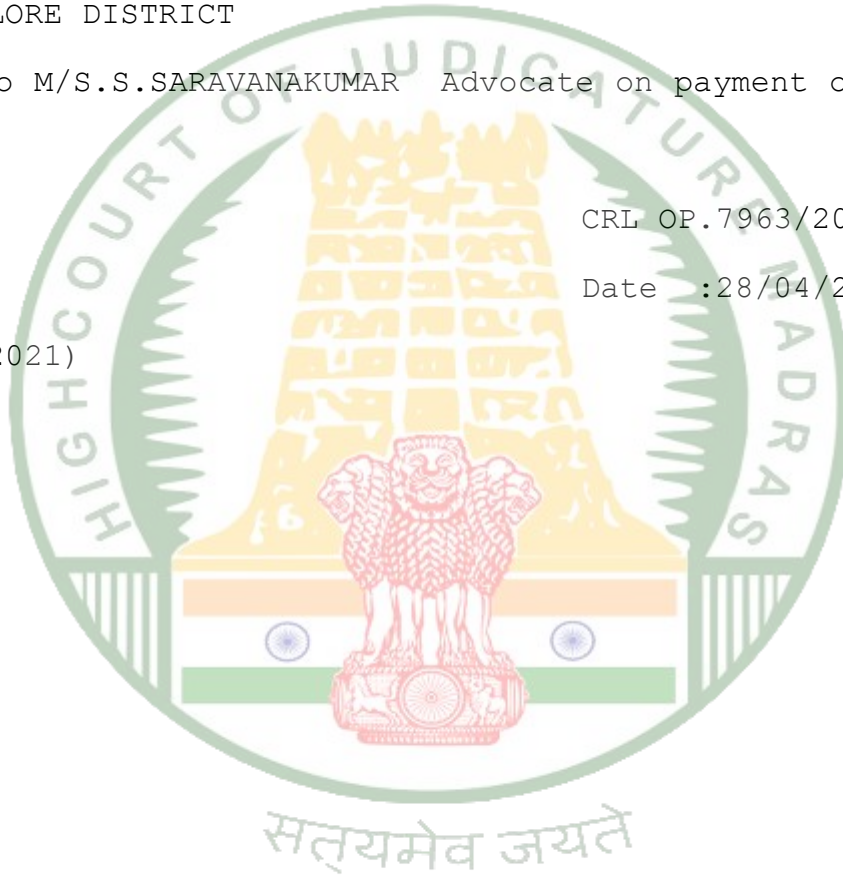
- 2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I
VIRUDHACHALAM CUDDALORE DISTRICT(for information)
- 3 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE
VEPPUR POLICE STATION, CUDDALORE DISTRICT
- 4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.
- 5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST
CUDDALORE DISTRICT

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

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Date :28/04/2021

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