

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Fifth day of May Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Ms Justice R.N. MANJULA

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.8619 of 2021

ANBUMANI

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REPRESENTED BY
THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SHO POLICE STATION,
ORATHUR,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.
(CRIME NO 87 OF 2021)

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S. B.MAHENDRA NAIDU 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 petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 IPC and Section 21 (4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 in Crime No.87 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner has taken sand (Vandal sand) without any permission for his business purpose (bricks chamber).

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and has been falsely implicated in this case. Further, he submits that bricks were manufactured for the own usage of the petitioner and not for commercial purpose. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent submitted that without obtaining licence, illegally the petitioner has taken the sand illegally for his brick chamber (Chengal Soolai) by causing damages to the minerals. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. In view of the rehabilitation undertaken under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner should be directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions 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, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions. Accordingly, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust and on such deposit 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 on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Chidambaram on condition that the petitioner shall 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 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 petitioner 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.

[b] the petitioner shall deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust.

[c] the petitioner 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 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 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 absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

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05/05/2021

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.II, CHIDAMBARAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE SUB-INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
SHO POLICE STATION,
ORATHUR, CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
CUDDALORE.

+1 CC to M/S. B.MAHENDRA NAIDU Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.No.5786

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Date :05/05/2021

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