

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.8640 of 2021

C.RAJA @ VEETU RAJA

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

THE STATE REP.BY [RESPONDENT]
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADALADI POLICE STATION,
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.
CR.NO.106 OF 2021.

For Petitioner : M/S.S.B.VISWANATHAN Advocate

For Respondent :MR. T.SHUNMUGARAJESWARAN, Govt. 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 alleged offences punishable u/s 379 and 430 of IPC r/w Section 21(5) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation), Act, 1957 in Cr.No.106 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner has illegally taken 1 unit of sand without getting any permission from the Government.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He further submitted that he has not taken the sand illegally and has got requisite permit for sand mining. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner did not produce the requisite permit at the time of seizing the sand and he produced the same later. He further submitted that the investigation is still pending and 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.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen 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.15,000/- (Rupees fifteen 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 Principal Sessions Court, Thiruvannamalai, 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 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.

[c] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

[e] 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].

[f] 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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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE PRINCIPAL SESSIONS COURT,
THIRUVANNAMALAI

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KADALADI POLICE STATION,
THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
THIRUVANNAMALAI

CC to M/S.S.B.VISWANATHAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges Sr.5845

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Date :05/05/2021

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