

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 06.05.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE Mr.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

Crl.O.P.No.8845 of 2021

Saravanakumar

... Petitioner/Accused-1

Vs.

The State Rep by
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supply CID,
Coimbatore,
Coimbatore District.
(Crime No.77 of 2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 439 of Criminal Procedure Code to enlarge the petitioner on bail pending investigation in Crime No.77 of 2021 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.W.Camyles Gandhi

For Respondent : Mr.L.Charles Premkumar
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

ORDER

(The case has been heard through video conference)

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner is in custody since 14.04.2021 for the offences under Section 6(4) of TNSC (RDCS) Order 1982 r/w.7(i)(a)(ii) of E.C.Act, 1955. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was found transporting a huge quantity of PDS rice (12500 Kgs).

3.The learned Government Advocate would oppose the grant of bail to the petitioner by pointing out the quantity of PDS rice involved.

4. Though the allegation against the petitioner is very serious in nature, since the petitioner is only a driver of the vehicle and since there is no previous case registered against the petitioner and also taking note of the period of incarceration, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) Accordingly, 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 - IV, Coimbatore, 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 shall not commit any offences of similar nature;

(d) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(e) the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(f) 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];

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

5. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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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 JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.IV,
COIMBATORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE. (for information)

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CIVIL SUPPLY CID,
POLLACHI,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

4 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, COIMBATORE.

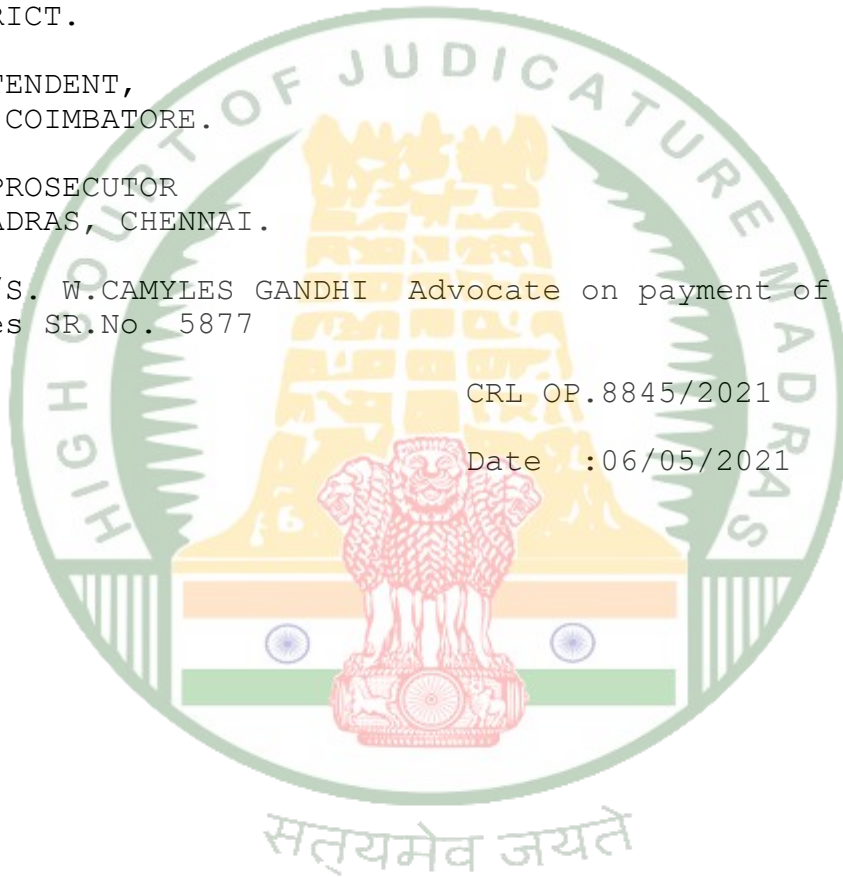
5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT OF MADRAS, CHENNAI.

+1 CC to M/S. W.CAMYLES GANDHI Advocate on payment of
necessary charges SR.No. 5877

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