

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.05.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.KANNAMMAL

Crl.O.P.No.8872 of 2021

Maruthupandian

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The State Tamil Nadu

Rep by Inspector of Police

Perugavazhthan, Thiruvavarur District

Crime No.156 of 2019

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail in the event of arrest in connection with Crime No.156 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sekar

For Respondent : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 IPC r/w Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Registration) Act, 1957 in Crime No.156 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had transported 5 units of river sand illegally by using a vehicle, bearing Registration No.TN-58-U-3652, without any valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of river sand involved is 5 units. He further submitted that there is one 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, the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five 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.75,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five 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-II, Mannargudi, 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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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
NO.II, MANNARGUDI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
THIRUVARUR (FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PERGAVAZHATHAN, THIRUVARUR DISTRICT

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
THIRUVARUR (FOR INFORMATION)

CC to M/S.S.SEKAR Advocate on payment of necessary charges
Sr.6114

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