

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.8782 of 2021

Nagarajan

.. Petitioner

Versus

State rep.by

The Inspector of Police,
Cuddalore OT Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

.. Respondent

Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to enlarge the petitioner/accused on bail in the event of his arrest in connection with the Crime No.134 of 2021 on the file of the respondent/Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Chozhan

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 apprehend arrest for the alleged offences under Sections 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21(1) of the Tamil Nadu Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, in Crime No.134 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is alleged to have transported 1 unit of sand illegally without having valid license. Hence, a case has been registered against the petitioner.

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. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (crl.side) appearing for the respondent/police submitted that the quantity of sand involved is 1 unit. He further submitted that no previous case pending as against the petitioner. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. In order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, 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 Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856, 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 either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of the Dean, Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital, Chennai, bearing A/c.No.10273425961, State Bank of India, Park Town (Chennai), 68, Evening Bazaar Road, Chennai, IFSC:SBIN0001856, 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 Court No.II, Cuddalore, 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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12/05/2021

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, CUDDALORE

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE (FOR INFORMATION)

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CUDDALORE OT POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE DEAN, RAJIV GANDHI GOVERNMENT GENERAL HOSPITAL,
CHENNAI, BEARING A/C.NO.10273425961, STATE BANK OF INDIA,
PARK TOWN (CHENNAI), 68, EVENING BAZAAR ROAD,
CHENNAI, IFSC:SBIN0001856,

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

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Date :12/05/2021

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