

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.05.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

Crl.O.P.No.8835 of 2021

P.Venkatesan

.. Petitioner/ Accused

Vs.

The State,

By the Inspector of Police,
Orathur Police Station,
Cuddalore District.

[Crime No.94 of 2021]

.. Respondent/ Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed for anticipatory bail under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.AnbuRaja

For Respondent : Mr.T.Shunmugarajeswaran
Government Advocate,
Criminal Side

O R D E R

(The matter is heard through "Video Conferencing/Hybrid mode")

The petitioner who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the offences punishable under Sections 379, 430 of IPC and Section 21 (4) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 in Crime No.94 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner is alleged to have stolen the Alluvial Soil from the Survey No.6/10 owned by one Vaithialingam, without any permission for the purpose of making bricks and selling the same in the market.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is a permanent resident and a respectful person in the village. Further, he submits that the petitioner is a law abiding citizen and has been falsely implicated in this case. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for the respondent/Police submitted that without obtaining licence, the petitioner has stolen the Alluvial Soil for the purpose of making bricks illegally or causing damages to the minerals.

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.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 and the submissions made on either side, 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, Cuddalore District 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 conditions 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 investigation.

[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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06/05/2021

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,
CHIDAMBARAM, CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE [FOR INFORMATION]

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

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
CUDDLORE DISTRICT.

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

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