

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 17.06.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE Mr.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.9062 of 2021

B.Arun Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner of Police,
Commissioner of Police,
Vepery, Chennai - 600 007.
2. The Inspector of Police,
F-5, Choolaimedu Police Station,
Choolaimedu, Chennai - 600 94.
3. The Commissioner of Police,
Commissioner of Police,
Siliguri, West Bengal - 734 010.
4. The Investigating Officer,
Cyber Crime Police Station,
Siliguri Police Commissionerate,
West Bengal - 734 010.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition is filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., to enlarge the Petitioner / Accused on Inter-State Anticipatory Bail in the event of his arrest or surrender in Crime No.17 of 2021 on the file of the 4th respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Suresh

For Respondents : Mr.C.E.Pratap
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the 4th respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 419, 420 of Indian Penal Code on the file of the 4th respondent police in connection with the FIR/ Case No.17 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The petitioner who has been accused of non-bailable offences committed beyond the territorial jurisdiction limit of the State of Tamil Nadu, has approached this Court for Anticipatory Bail under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., so as to enable him to approach the appropriate Court.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submit that the petitioner was implicated for the offences under Sections 419, 420 of IPC, on the file of the Investigating Officer, Cyber Crime Police Station, Siliguri Police Commissionerate, West Bengal, who had issued summons to the petitioner through the 2nd respondent for his appearance. He further submitted that this Court, in similar circumstances, has granted interim anticipatory bail to the accused to enable him seek appropriate Bail Orders from the concerned Court.

4. Heard the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the State on the above submissions.

5. The issue as to whether, in respect of the persons who has been accused of a non-bailable offence committed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Tamil Nadu, if their arrest is sought within the jurisdiction of this Court, irrespective of the fact that they are resident of the place over which this Court can grant anticipatory bail under Section 438 Cr.P.C, came up for consideration before the Division Bench of this Court in the case of S.P.Shanthi Swaroop v. State of Tamil Nadu, rep. By Asst. Commissioner of Police, Central Crime Branch, Madras reported in 1992 L.W.(Crl).475. After elaborate discussions, decisions and considering the ratio laid down by the Patna High Court in Syed Safrul Hassan v. State, the following order was passed:-

"For the foregoing reasons, we hold that the High Court or the Court of Session has got power under Section 438 Cr.P.C. To grant anticipatory bail irrespective of the locale of the Commission of the offence. In other words, in respect of persons who have been accused of a non-bailable offence committed beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Tamil Nadu, if their arrest is sought within the jurisdiction of this Court, irrespective of the fact that they are residents of the place over which this Court can grant anticipatory bail. However, we wish to observe that while granting anticipatory bail, this Court has to restrict the relief for a limited period and to direct the concerned persons to move the Court which is having jurisdiction over the matter in the meantime and also impose such condition so as to make the petitioners available for interrogation by the concerned police in the meantime. The reference is answered accordingly."

6. Thereafter, a learned Single Judge of this Court in the case of P.Thangavelu and others v. State, rep. By the Inspector of Police and other reported in 2017 (2) MWN (Cr.) 633 has passed the following orders,

"9.Thus , it is seen that though in the State of Uttar Pradesh, the provisions of Section 438, Cr.P.C., enabling grant of Anticipatory bail has been deleted, still the Courts have power to grant Inter-State Anticipatory Bail, more particularly taking into account the provisions under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. In the light of the above Judgments and discussions, this Court is of the view that Inter-State Anticipatory Bail can be granted to the petitioners for a limited period to enable them seek appropriate Bail Orders from the concerned Court.

10.Accordingly, Interim Anticipatory Bail is granted to the Petitioners herein till 01.08.2016. The Petitioners are directed to be enlarged on Bail in the event of their arrest or on their appearance before the Judicial Magistrate concerned, subject to the following conditions:

(i) Each of the Petitioner shall execute a Personal Bond for a sum of Rs.10,000- (Rupees ten thousand only) with two sureties, to the satisfaction of the Respondent-Police or the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the Magistrate concerned;

(ii) within the said period, ie., before 01.08.2016, the petitioners shall appear before the concerned Court of Jurisdiction and move for Anticipatory Bail before the said Court.

11. This Court makes it very clear that Interim Anticipatory Bail pertaining to Inter-State disputes cannot be sought as a matter of right and it is purely the discretion of the Court in granting the same, considering the facts, circumstances and also the nature of offences. It is also made clear that this order, on being produced, shall be punctually observed and executed by all concerned."

7. In view of the decisions supra, I am inclined to grant interim anticipatory bail to the petitioner. Accordingly, interim anticipatory bail is granted to the petitioner till 18.07.2021. The petitioner is directed to be enlarged on bail in the event of his arrest or on his appearance before the first respondent police on or before 18.07.2021 and on further condition that:

(i) the Petitioner shall execute a Personal Bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties, to the satisfaction of the Respondent-Police or the Police Officer, who intends to arrest or to the satisfaction of the Magistrate concerned;

(ii) the petitioner shall appear before the concerned Court of Jurisdiction and file an appropriate application for regular bail before the said Court.

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This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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1 THE LEARNED XVII METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT,
SAIDAPET, CHENNAI.

2 THE CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE,
EGMORE, CHENNAI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
VEPERY, CHENNAI-600 007.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
F-5, CHOOLAIMEDU POLICE STATION,
CHOOLIAMEDU,
CHENNAI-600 94.

6 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
SILIGURI, WEST BENGAL-734 010.

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CYBER CRIME POLICE STATION,
SILIGURI POLICE COMMISSIONERATE,
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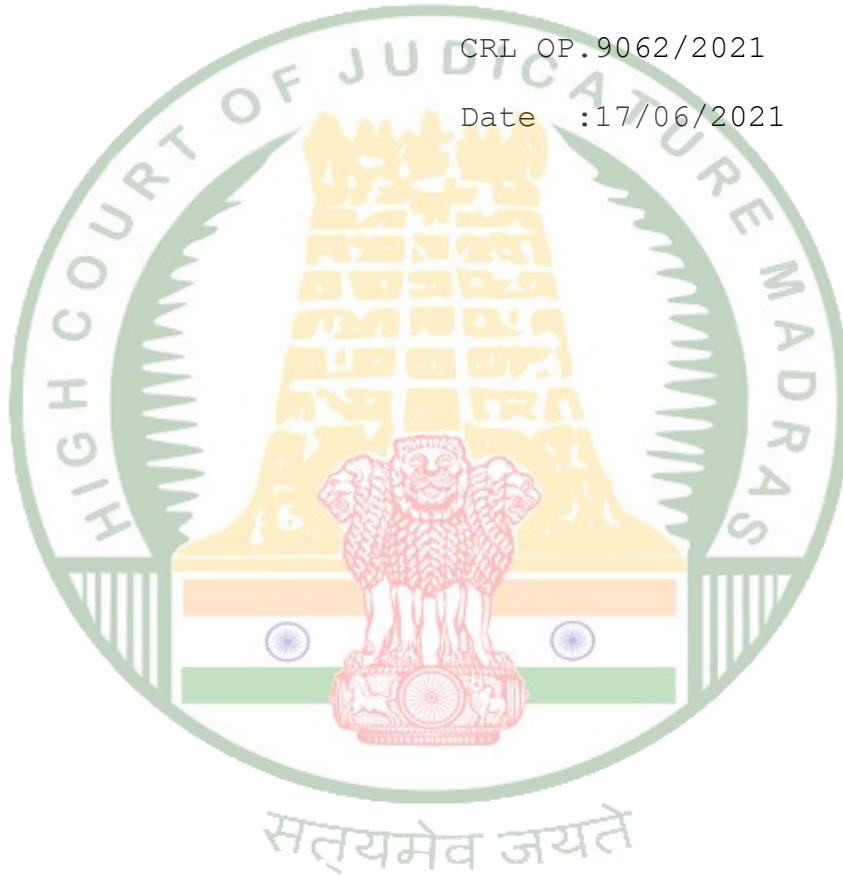
8 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1CC to R.SURESH Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR
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