

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.05.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

Crl.O.P.No.9079 of 2021

Santhanakrishnan

... Petitioner/Accused

Vs.

State by

The Inspector of Police,
Royakottai Police Station,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No. 50/2021)

... Respondent/Complainant

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Cr.P.C., seeking to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of arrest in Crime No.50 of 2021 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jayachandran

For Respondent : Mr.A.Damodaran
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 Sections 273, 328 IPC r/w.7 and 20(1) of COTPA Act, 2003 in Crime No.50 of 2021 on the file of the respondent, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner was found in possession of 2010 Kgs of Tobacco illegally. 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. However, he would also submit that the first accused was released on bail on payment of Rs.1,00,000/-. Hence, he prays to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submitted that the petitioner was found in possession of 2010 Kgs of Tobacco. He further submitted that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Krishnagiri District without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court. 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.

6. 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.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Krishnagiri district within a period of four weeks from the date of normal functioning of the Court below and on such deposit, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Denkanikottai, 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 deposit a sum of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty thousand only) to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Krishnagiri District and shall produce the said receipt before the Court below.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for interrogation.

[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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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,
DENKANIKOTTAI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI (FOR INFORMATION)

3 INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ROYAKOTTAI POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,
DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
KRISHNAGIRI

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

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