

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.05.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.KANNAMMAL

Crl.O.P.No.9143 of 2021

1. Mookappa  
2. Venkatalakshmi

.. Petitioners

Vs.

State rep by  
The Inspector of Police  
Denkanikottai Police Station,  
Krishnagiri District  
Crime No.188 of 2019

.. Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 of Criminal Procedure Code, praying to enlarge the petitioners on bail in the event of the arrest in Crime No.188 of 2019 on the file of the respondent on their appearance before the concerned court to release them on bail. .

For Petitioners : Mr.M.P.Saravanan

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

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Section 379 of IPC in Crime No.188 of 2019, on the file of the respondent police, seek anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners had transported one unit of lake sand illegally by using a vehicle, bearing Registration No.25-H-0750, without any valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners would submit that the petitioners are innocent persons and they have 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 savudu soil involved is one unit. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioners.

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 petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to their rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioners have deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of their 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 petitioners are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust and on such deposit the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on thier appearances, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Denkanikottai on condition that each of the petitioners shall execute a separate bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) each 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 petitioners 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[d] the petitioners 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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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,  
DENKANIKOTTAI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
DENKANIKOTTAI POLICE STATION,  
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

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

+1 CC to M/S M.P.SARAVANAN  
charges SR.No.6125

Advocate on payment of necessary

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