

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26.05.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SATHI KUMAR SUKUMARA KURUP

Crl.O.P.No.9600 of 2021

Boobalan

... Petitioner

Vs.

State represented by
The Inspector of Police,
Annur Police Station,
Coimbatore District.
Crime No.213 of 2021.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.213 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Chinnaraj

For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. side)

ORDER

The petitioner who was arrested on 21.04.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offences under Sections 7 and 20(2) of Cigarette and other Tobacco Products Act and Sections 273 & 328 of I.P.C in Cr.No.213 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that based on the secret information, the respondent police seized jute bag kept in the Honda Active bearing Reg. No. TN 40 L 8970 and tobacco products were stored in petitioner / A1's house. Hence the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submit that the petitioner is no way connected with the alleged offence and he has been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioner has been in jail from 21.04.2021. Therefore, he prays to grant bail to the petitioner.

4. The learned Government Advocate (CrI.Side) concedes that there is no previous case pending against the petitioner and the petitioner was remanded to judicial custody from 21.04.2021.

5. Considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner and also the present COVID-19 pandemic situation, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner subject to the following conditions:

(a) the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) before the Superintendent of the Central Prison, Coimbatore in which the petitioner is confined and on such execution the petitioner shall be released from prison;

(b) (i) After the lockdown restrictions are raised and normal time is restored, the restrictions are totally raised, the petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum amount each to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate, Mettupalayam. The same shall be executed within a period of one month from the date the lockdown restrictions are raised.

(ii) If for any reason, the petitioner is not able to execute bond within the specified time, the petitioner shall approach this Court and file a petition seeking extension of time for the same.

(iii) While executing the bond, the sureties shall furnish proof of identity and the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate shall obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Votor ID or Driving license or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity to the satisfaction of the learned Magistrate, Mettupalayam.

(c) After the lockdown restrictions are raised, normal time is restored, the petitioner shall abide by the following conditions imposed by this Court. He/she shall not interfere, influence or cause hindrance to the pending investigation.

(d) He/she shall not influence, threaten or coerce the 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]; and;

(g)if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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26/05/2021

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

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Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
METTUPALAYAM.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, COIMBATORE.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
ANNUR POLICE STATION,
COIMBATORE DISTRICT.

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

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