

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.05.2021

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

Crl.OP.No.9608 of 2021

R.Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State rep.by
The Inspector of Police
Muthandikuppam Police Station,
Cuddalore District.
Crime No.147 of 2021. Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C.,
praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest
in Crime No.147 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan

For Respondent : Mr.A.Damodaran,
Government Advocate,
Criminal Side

ORDER

(This 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 379 and 430 of IPC r/w. Section 21(1) Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act in Crime No.147 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner is alleged to have transported $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of sand illegally in bullock cart. 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. 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 transported $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of sand illegally in a bullock cart. He further submitted that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner.

5. This Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Kallakurichi 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand only) as non refundable deposit to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Kallakurichi 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 No.I, Panruti, 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.5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand only) to the credit of the District Legal Services Authority, Kallakurichi 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,
NO.I, PANRUTI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE
MUTHANDIKUPPAM POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY,
KALLAKURICHI DISTRICT.

6 THE SECRETARY,
TAMIL NADU STATE LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

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

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