

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.06.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

CrI.O.P. No.9786 of 2021

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... Petitioner

Vs.

The State rep. by its  
The Inspector of Police,  
C.S., C.I.D., Police Station,  
Thiruvarur,  
Thiruvarur District.  
(Crime No.101 / 2020)

... Respondent

Prayer: Criminal Original Petition filed under Section 438 Cr.P.C. to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of his arrest in Crime No.101 of 2020, on the file of the Inspector of Police, C.S., C.I.D. Police Station, Thiruvarur District.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Senthilkumar

For Respondent : Mr.L.Baskaran  
Government Advocate (CrI.Side)

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner apprehends arrest by the respondent police for the alleged offences under Sections 6(2)(3) of Tamil Nadu Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) order 1982 r/w. 7(1)(a)(ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The petitioner is the second accused in Crime No.101 of 2020. The case of the prosecution is that during their routine check up, they found that the petitioner and the other accused had illegally transported PDS rice measuring a quantity of 5000 kgs., on 13.10.2020.

3. However, it is the case of the petitioner that he is an innocent person and no way involved in the offences as alleged by the prosecution. The petitioner has also stated in his anticipatory bail petition that a co-accused by name Prabhakaran has already been granted anticipatory bail by this Court on 03.11.2020 in CrI.O.P.No.17205 of 2020.

4. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has also produced the order dated 03.11.2020 passed by this Court in CrI.O.P.No.17205 of 2020.

5. After giving due consideration to the aforementioned factors, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions.

6. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of lifting of lockdown or the commencement of Courts normal functioning whichever is earlier, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.II, Thiruvavarur 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 to pay a sum of Rs.15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) to the credit of the District Medical Officer, Thiruvavarur, towards Covid Relief Fund within a fortnight from the date of receipt of a copy of this order either by way of Demand Draft (DD) or by Fund Transfer;

[b] 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.

[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 abscond/s, 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.II, THIRUVARUR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
THIRUVARUR [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,,  
C.S., CID., POLICE STATION,  
THIRUVARUR,  
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

5 THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER,  
THIRUVARUR,  
TOWARDS COVID RELIEF FUND.

CC to M/S R.MURUGA BHARATHI Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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