IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.07.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.11846 of 2021

Kailasam ... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Represent by
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supply CID, Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri District.
Crime No.19 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 connection with the case in Cr.No.19 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Kannadasan

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

ORDER

The petitioner, who was arrested on 17.06.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offences under Section 6 (4) of Tamil Nadu Schedule Commodities (Regulation of Distribution through Card System) Order 1982 read with 7(1)(a)ii of Essential Commodities Act 1955 in Cr.No.19 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was illegally transported 5000 kgs. PDS rice without permission and the same was seized by the respondent Police. Therefore, he was arrested and remanded to judicial custody.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is no way connected with the alleged offence and he is only a driver and further that he has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and he has been falsely implicated in this case. However, the petitioner, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.50,000/- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Government Schools. Hence, he prays for grant of bail.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that there are four previous cases pending in similar nature against the petitioner and the the investigation is completed.

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 make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Educational Officer, Krishnagiri District for the rehabilitation and improvement of the basic needs of the Government Schools in the said District under necessary acknowledgement, without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and submit the proof of payment of the said amount before the aforesaid learned Judicial Magistrate, who after perusing the challan/receipt/ acknowledgement, shall accept the sureties furnished by the petitioners;

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

(c) Within a period of four weeks after the release, the petitioner shall execute a bond for Rs.10,000/-(Rupees Ten Thousand only) with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate-I, Krishnagiri;.

(d) In case of any difficulty in executing the said bond along with the sureties before the concerned Magistrate within the time stipulated above, the petitioner is permitted to file appropriate petition within a period of four week therefrom before the concerned Magistrate for extension of time for executing the bond along with sureties and if any such application is filed, the concerned Magistrate shall decide on the grant of extension of time for accepting the bond and sureties in accordance with law. Failing filing of any such application within the time prescribed above, the bail granted by this Court would stand automatically vacated.

(e)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;

(f)the petitioner shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(g)the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial;

(h)the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

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(i)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;

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

6. In the result, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered and the Chief Educational Officer shall submit the necessary proof with regard to the expenditure incurred for the improvement/rehabilitation of the Government Schools in the District before the Director of School Education as and when such works are completed by utilising the money as ordered by this Court.

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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-I,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CIVIL SUPPLY CID KRISHNAGIRI,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, SALEM.

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6 THE CHEIF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. E.KANNADASAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges
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