

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.07.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.Nos.12009 and 12012 of 2021

1. Surya ... Petitioner in Crl.O.P.No.12009 of 2021
2. Premkumar
3. Gopalakrishnan ...Petitioners in Crl.O.P.No.12012 of 2021

Vs.

The State Represent by
The Inspector of Police,
Ramanathapuram Police Station,
Coimbatore
Crime No.578 of 2021. ... Respondent

COMMON PRAYER: Criminal Original petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, prayed to enlarge the petitioners on bail in connection with the case in Cr.No.578 of 2021 pending investigation on the file of the respondent Police.

(In both the petitions

For Petitioners: Mr.R.Venkatesh

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

COMMON ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested on 24.06.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offences under Sections 4(1)(A), 4(1)(aaa) of TNP Act and Section 6(a) r/w 24(1) of COTPA Act in Cr.No.578 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were in illegal possession of 603 bottles of karnataka liquor each containing 180 ml packets and the same was seized by the respondent Police and registered a complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are no way connected with the alleged offence and they have been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioners have been in jail from 24.06.2021. Therefore, he prays to grant bail to the petitioners. However, the petitioners, on their own volition, are ready and willing to contribute a

sum of Rs.30,000/- each for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Government Schools.

4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) would submit that the petitioners were in illegal possession of liquor and there is no previous case pending against the petitioners

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

(a) the petitioners shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.30,000/- (Rupees thirty Thousand only) each to the credit of the Chief Educational Officer, Coimbatore 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 petitioners shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) before the Superintendent, Central Prison, Coimbatore, in which the petitioners is confined and on such execution the petitioners shall be released from prison;

(c) Within a period of four weeks after the release, the petitioners shall execute a bond for Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand only) each with two sureties each for a like sum to the satisfaction of the learned Judicial Magistrate Court No.6, Coimbatore.

(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 petitioners are 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 petitioners shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

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

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

(i)on breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the learned Magistrate/Trial Court is entitled to take appropriate action against the petitioners in accordance with law as if the conditions have been imposed and the petitioners 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.

7. 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 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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13/07/2021

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 COURT,
NO.6, COIMBATORE.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
COIMBATORE [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
RAMANATHAPURAM POLICE STATION,
COIMBATORE.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL PRISON, COIMBATORE.

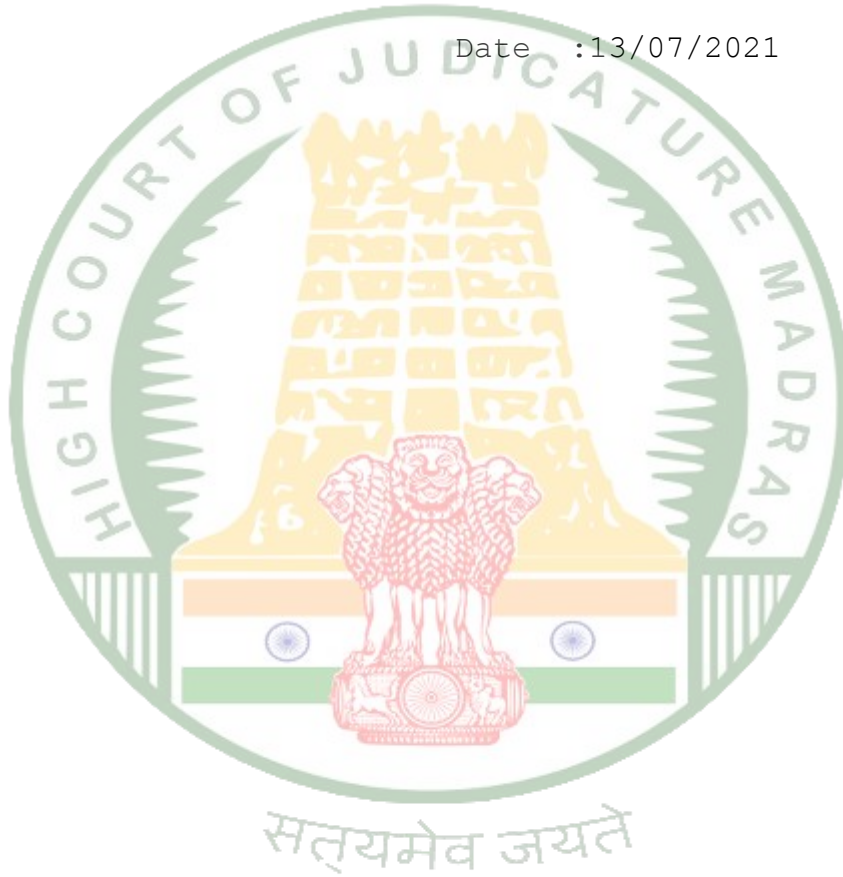
6 THE CHEIF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
COIMBATORE.

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