



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Monday, the Second day of August Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.13341 of 2021

C.NATARAJAN

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

THE STATE REP.BY
THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
T.PALUR POLICE STATION,
ARIYALUR DISTRICT.
CRIME NO.125 OF 2021.

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.G.PUGAZHENTHI Advocate

For Respondent : MR.C.E.PRATAP, Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side)

PETITION FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL Under Sec. 438 Cr.P.C.

ORDER : The Court Made the following order :-

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 379 of IPC r/w 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, in Crime No.125 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner has involved in illegal transportation of three gunny bags of river sand by using a two wheeler without valid licence. Hence, the complaint.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, he further submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust that may be imposed by this Court.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that if the person is caught with illegal sand in the mining area, necessarily he could be released on bail by imposing of deposit of any amount as may be ordered by this Court. In view of formation of District Mineral Foundation Trust in each District, the amount may be directed to be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation in the areas affected by illegal sand mining.

5.In view of the rehabilitation undertaken by the State Government under the Tamil Nadu District Mineral Foundation Rules, 2017, and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities and also considering the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner may be directed to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust, without prejudice to his rights and contentions. The amount so deposited shall be utilised by the Trust for rehabilitation works.

6.It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioner to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of anticipatory bail.

7.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

8.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 receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Principal District-Cum-Sessions Judge, Ariyalur District 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 and on further condition that:

(a) if the petitioner failed to surrender before the concerned Magistrate within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, this order shall stand automatically cancelled;

(b) the petitioner shall make a non refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) through demand draft to the credit of the Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to his defence



2 THE SUB INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
T.PALUR POLICE STATION,
ARIYALUR DISTRICT.

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
ARIYALUR DISTRICT.

+1CC to M/S.G.PUGAZHENTHI Advocate on payment of necessary
charges S.R. NO. 8081

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Date :02/08/2021

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