



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Twenty Fifth day of August Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.15074 of 2021

M.GOPAL

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

THE STATE REP BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PERUNDURAI POLICE STATION,
ERODE DISTRICT
(CR NO.469/2021)

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.R.NALLIYAPPAN 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 petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 24(1) of Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 r/w 328 of IPC in Crime No.469 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner/A2 and A1 were found in illegal possession of banned Tobacco products worth about Rs.13,800/-. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner has not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice his rights, on his own volition, is ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.25,000/- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Government Schools.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that one previous case is pending against the petitioner. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



5.Considering facts and circumstances of the case and also the submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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 receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Perundurai, 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.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Educational Officer, Erode 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 petitioner;

(c)the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Court concerned may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

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

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

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

(g)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;

(h)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.

-sd/-

25/08/2021

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,
PERUNDURAI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
ERODE. [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
PERUNDURAI POLICE STATION,
ERODE DISTRICT.

4 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
ERODE DISTRICT.

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

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

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Date :25/08/2021

CSK 31/08/2021