



this Court had earlier dismissed the petition in CrI.O.P.No.12025 of 2021 dated 13.07.2021. Hence, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

5. This Court perused its careful consideration to the submissions advanced by the learned counsel on either side.

6. This Court is of the opinion that, despite several orders having been passed by various Benches of this Court regarding illegal sand mining and quarrying, knowing fully well about the evil consequences which affects the environment and society at large and the implications thereon, due to the above said illegal acts on the environment, persons are still reporting and indulging in illegal quarrying/mining of sand, thereby causing great damage to the ecological balance of the environment. Cases of this nature is not only of large magnitude affecting environment, but it also leads to impacting the livelihood of the large number of people in the vicinity of the sand area.

7. This Court finds that the discretionary power of grant of anticipatory bail has been consciously and continuously misused by the offenders in an organised manner and this Court is of the firm opinion that the discretionary powers cannot be extended to persons indulging in such repetitive illegal sand mining, smuggling and theft of sand and minerals.

8. In view of the above position and also in view of the orders passed by this Court in CrI.O.P.No.13334 of 2020 etc., batch dated 03.09.2020, this Court is not inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners. Considering the fact that this Court had earlier dismissed the petition in CrI.O.P.No.12025 of 2021 dated 13.07.2021 and there is no change of circumstances this Criminal Original Petition stands dismissed.

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02/09/2021

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

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CC to M/S.T.BALACHANDRAN Advocate on payment of necessary
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Date :02/09/2021

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