



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Monday, the Thirteenth day of September Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.16631 of 2021

P.PONNUSAMY

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY

[RESPONDENT]

THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
PENNADAM POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.
CRIME NO. 273 OF 2021.

For Petitioner : M/S. KANNAN K. Advocate

For Respondent : MR. A.GOPINATH, 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 for the alleged offence under Sections 379, 430 of IPC read with Section 21(i) of Mines and Minerals Act in Crime No.273 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner along with other accused persons was involved in illegal transportation of 1/2 unit of Vandal sand by using Tractor.

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, he further submits that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Chief Educational Officer, Cuddalore for the rehabilitation and maintenance of the basic needs in the Government schools that may be imposed by this Court. Hence, he prays for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the petitioner along with the other accused person was involved in illegal transportation of 1/2 unit of Vandal sand by using Tractor and vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

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 Chief Educational Officer, Cuddalore, 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 considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate, 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 District Munsif cum Judicial Magistrate, Tittakudi, Cuddalore 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 Chief Educational Officer, Cuddalore for the rehabilitation and maintenance of basic needs in the Government Schools without prejudice to his defence before the trial Court and the learned Judicial Magistrate, after perusing the challan/ receipt, 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. Chief Educational Officer shall submit the necessary proof with regard to the expenditure incurred and works that were done for the improvement/rehabilitation of the Schools in the District before the Director of School Education as and when such works are completed by utilizing the money as ordered by this Court.

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13/09/2021

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 DISTRICT MUNSIF CUM JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
TITTAKUDI, CUDDALORE
DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
CUDDALORE DISTRICT. [FOR INFORMATION]



3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE STATION HOUSE OFFICER,
PENNADAM POLICE STATION,
CUDDALORE DISTRICT.

5 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER,
CUDDALORE.

+1 CC to M/S. KANNAN K. Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.9949

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Date :13/09/2021

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