



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

Friday, the Twenty Fourth day of September Two Thousand Twenty One

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PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.17563 of 2021

1 BALAJI
2 RAJI @ SHANKAR

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY
THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER,
ARCOT FOREST RANGE,
RANIPET DISTRICT.

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S M.V.DEENADHAYALAN 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 petitioners, who apprehend arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 2, 21(d), (e), (f), 21(1)(a), (b), 35, 35 B of Tamilnadu Forest Act in S.T.O.R.No.6 of 2021, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners along with other accused illegally removed 1,294.700 Kgs red wood trees in the reserve forest area.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners have not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution and they have been falsely implicated in this case. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioner, on their own volition, are ready and willing to contribute a sum of Rs.1,00,000/- for improvement of forest in the reserve forest area.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the petitioners illegally removed 1,294.700 Kgs red wood trees in the reserve forest area. Hence, he opposed for grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioners.



5. Considering facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made by the Government Advocate, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail in the event of arrest or on their appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, before the learned Judicial Magistrate, Sholingar, on condition that the petitioners shall execute separate 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 petitioners 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 petitioners shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only) to the credit of the District Forest Officer, Ammur Division for welfare of Arcot forest, without prejudice to their 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;

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

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

(f) the petitioners 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 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;



(h) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

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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,
SHOLINGAR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE,
VELLORE DISTRICT (FOR INFORMATION).

3 THE FOREST RANGE OFFICER,
ARCOT FOREST RANGE,
RANIPET DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE DISTRICT FOREST OFFICER,
AMMUR DIVISION, VELLORE DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S M.V.DEENADHAYALAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.10560

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Date :24/09/2021

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