



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Tuesday, the Twenty Eighth day of September Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.17921 of 2021

1 SELLAPPAN
2 GOVINDHAN

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP.BY ITS
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOLATHUR POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.
(CR.NO.501 OF 2020)

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S.C.DEEPAK KUMAR 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 petitioners, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Section 379 of IPC & Sec. 21(1) of Mines & Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in Crime No.501 of 2020 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners with other accused were involved in cutting stones by using stone crusher machines without any permission. Hence, the Law Enforcing Agency registered a case against the petitioners.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submit that the petitioners did not committed any offence as alleged by the prosecution. However, on instructions, he further submit that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, on their own volition, is ready to deposit the amount of Rs.10,000/- to the credit of the concerned District Mineral Foundation Trust.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the vehicles involved were seized by the respondent police and has no previous case. He further submitted that if the person is caught with illegal stones in the mining area, necessarily he could be released on bail by imposing condition 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.

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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 petitioners 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), this Court inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioners with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioners are 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 *Judicial Magistrate No. 1, Mettur* 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 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.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 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 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.

-sd/-

28/09/2021

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

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TO

1 THE JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE NO.I,
METTUR.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SALEM [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
KOLATHUR POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

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

5 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

CC to M/S.C.DEEPAK KUMAR Advocate on payment of necessary charges

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Date :28/09/2021