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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.10.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.18418 of 2021

1. Mahendra
2. Ashok Prajapal

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State Rep By
The Inspector of Police,
Sulur Police Station,
Coimbatore - 641 035.
(Crime No.869 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original Petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, prayed to enlarge the petitioners on bail in connection with Crime No.869 of 2021 pending on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioners: Mr.T.Balaji

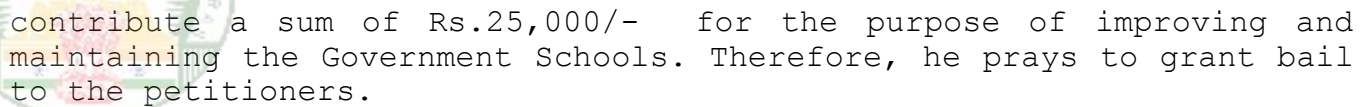
For Respondent : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl side)

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested on 02.09.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offence punishable under Sections 24(i) Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Acts 2003 r/w Sec 328 of IPC, in Crime No.869 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seek bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioners were found in illegal possession of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners are in no way connected with the alleged offence and they have been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioners have been in jail from 02.09.2021. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submitted that the petitioners, without prejudice to their rights, on their own volition, are ready and willing to



respondent

5. Considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioners and there is no previous case pending against the petitioners, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioners with certain conditions:

6. Accordingly, the petitioners are ordered to be released on bail on their executing a 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 learned Judicial Magistrate, Sulur, and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioners shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Educational Officer, Coimbatore District for the rehabilitation and improvement of the basic needs of the Government Schools in the said District under necessary acknowledgement, 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 petitioner;

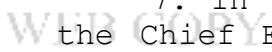
(b) the sureties shall affix their photographs and left thumb impression in the surety bond and the Magistrate may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity;

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

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

(e) the petitioners shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(f) 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;



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

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