

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

Crl.O.P.No.19975 of 2020

Jayanthi

... Petitioner/Accused

-Vs-

State by,
The Inspector of Police,
Civil Supplies CID,
Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri District.
(Crime No.120 of 2018)

.... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure praying to enlarge the petitioner on bail in the event of her arrest in Crime No.120 of 2018 on the file of the respondent police.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Prakasam

For Respondent : Mr.S.Karthikeyan
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

(Heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehends arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence punishable under Section 6(4) of TN Scheduled Commodities (RDCS) Order, 1982 r/w. 7(1)(a) (ii) of Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in Crime No.120 of 2018, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. The case of the prosecution as per the defacto complainant is that the petitioner was illegally transporting 2250 kgs of PDS rice without proper license. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is an innocent person and he has been falsely implicated in this case. He would further submit that the petitioner is A2 and A1 has been arrested and enlarged on bail. On instruction, he would further submit that the petitioner is prepared to deposit some considerable amount to any charitable organization or association without prejudice to his contention and prayed for grant of anticipatory bail.

4. The learned Additional Public Prosecutor submitted that the petitioner along with other accused were illegally transporting 2250 Kgs of PDS rice without obtaining proper license. He would further submit that there are no previous cases as against the petitioner. However, he vehemently opposed for the grant of anticipatory bail to the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there are no previous cases pending against the petitioner and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) as non refundable deposit to 'The Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, Indian Bank High Court Branch', A/C.No.484026006, IFSC Code. No. IDIB000M157 without prejudice to his rights and contentions before the trial Court.

6. Merely, because the petitioner has deposited the said amount, it would not amount to admission of his guilt. Therefore, it is open to the trial Court to deal with the case independently.

7. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

(a) The petitioner is directed to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) as non-refundable deposit either through RTGS/NEFT or in cash in favour of 'The Tamil Nadu Advocate Clerk Association, Indian Bank High Court Branch', A/C.No.484026006, IFSC Code. No. IDIB000M157, and on such payment and production of proof of deposit of the above amount, he shall be released on bail in the event of arrest or on his appearance, within a period of fifteen days from the date on which the order copy made ready, before the learned Judicial Magistrate No.I, Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri 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 the like sum to the satisfaction of the police officer who intends to arrest, failing which the petition for anticipatory bail shall stand dismissed automatically.

[b] the petitioner and the sureties shall affix their photographs and Left Thumb Impression in the surety bond and the respondent/police may obtain a copy of their Aadhar card or Bank pass Book to ensure their identity.

[c] the petitioner shall report before the respondent police as and when required for the interrogation.

[d] the petitioner shall not tamper with evidence or witness either during investigation or trial.

[e] the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial.

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].

[g] If the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229A IPC.

8. With the above directions, this Criminal Original Petition is ordered.

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19/01/2021

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,
NO.I, KRISHNAGIRI.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
KRISHNAGIRI [FOR INFORMATION].

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CIVIL SUPPLIES CID,
KRISHNAGIRI, KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

5 THE TAMIL NADU ADVOCATE CLERK ASSOCIATION,
HIGH COURT MADRAS, HIGH COURT BRANCH,
A/C NO.484026006, IFSC CODE:IDIB000M157.

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

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Date :19/01/2021