



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Wednesday, the Twenty Seventh day of October Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.20012 of 2021

NANDHAGOPAL

[PETITIONER / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
K.V.KUPPAM POLICE STATION,
VELLORE DISTRICT.
CRIME NO.301/2021.

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioner : M/S S.SURESH 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 petitioner, who apprehends arrest for the alleged offence under Sections 379, 430 of IPC r/w 21 MM (D & R) Act in Crime No.301 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of $\frac{1}{4}$ unit of river sand by using Bullock Cart.

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, and on his own volition is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Mineral Foundation Trust that may be imposed by this Court.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police and there is no previous case pending against the petitioner. He further submitted that if the persons are caught with illegal sand in the mining area, necessarily they 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 directed to be deposited to the credit of the said Trust for rehabilitation in the areas affected by illegal sand mining.

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.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate, this Court is inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner on certain conditions.

7. 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.

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 Judicial Magistrate, Katpadi, 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 Chairman/District Collector, District Mineral Foundation Trust of the concerned District, without prejudice to his defence



4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
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VELLORE DISTRICT.

5 THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
VELLORE DISTRICT.

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

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Date :27/10/2021

RW 02/11/2021