

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.01.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V.BHARATHIDASAN

CrI.O.P.No.21135 of 2020

Thangamani

... Petitioner/ Accused

-Vs-

State represented by

The Inspector of Police,
Chetpet Police Station,
Tiruvannamalai,
Tiruvannamalai District.
(Crime No.250 of 2020)

... Respondent/Complainant

Prayer: Criminal Original petition filed under Section 438 of Code of Criminal Procedure praying to enlarge the petitioner on anticipatory bail pending investigation in Crime No.250 of 2020 on the file of the respondent.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Mahendra Naidu

For Respondent : Mr.S.Karthikeyan
Additional Public Prosecutor

O R D E R

(The case has been heard through video conference)

The petitioner, who apprehend arrest at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 379 430 of IPC r/w Section 21 (5) MM Act and 3 (PPDL) Act, in Crime No.250 of 2020, on the file of the respondent police, seeks anticipatory bail.

2. It is the case of the prosecution that the petitioner has transported 1/4 unit of sand illegally by using his Bullock Cart, without any valid licence. 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. 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 appearing for the respondent submitted that the quantity of sand involved is 1/4 unit. He further submitted that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner.

5. It is seen that there is one previous case pending against the petitioner and in order to curb the illegal sand mining activities, this Court is of the opinion that the petitioner are directed to deposit a sum of Rs.5,000/- (Rupees Five Thousand Only) each 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.5,000/- 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, within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the petitioner is directed to be released on bail in the event of their arrest or their appearance and on production of proof of deposit of the above amount and on further condition that the petitioner shall execute a bond for a sum of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) with two sureties 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 and on further condition that the petitioner shall also give an letter of undertaking before the respondent/police that the said amount has been paid in respect of particular crime number.

[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 daily at 10.30 a.m., for a period of two weeks and thereafter 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.

[f] On breach of any of the aforesaid conditions, the 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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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,
KALASAPAKKAM, TIRUVANNAMALAI

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
TIRUVANNAMALAI [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
CHETPET POLICE STATION,
TIRUVANNAMALAI,
TIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT.

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

+1CC to M/S. B.MAHENDRA NAIDU Advocate on payment of
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