

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.10.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.20322 of 2021

Vinoth

... Petitioner

Vs.

The State Rep.by  
Inspector of Police,  
Perugavazhathan Police Station,  
Thiruvarur District.  
(Crime No.431 of 2021)

... Respondent

PRAYER: Criminal Original petition has been filed under Section 439 of Cr.P.C, prayed to enlarge the petitioner on bail in Crime No.431 of 2021 on the file of the Inspector of Police, Perugavazhathan Police Station, Thiruvarur District..

For Petitioner : Mr.Swamisubramanian

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

ORDER

The petitioner who was arrested on 20.10.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offences under Section 379 of IPC and under Section 21(1) of Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act 1957 in Cr.No.431 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner had illegally transported ½ unit of river sand from the river bed by using a Tipper lorry with tipper. Hence, the law enforcing agency registered a case against the petitioner.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits 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, on his own volition, is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- to the Mineral Foundation Trust.

4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police. He further submits that if the person is caught with illegal sand in the mining area, he has to be directed to deposit the conditional amount to the

credit of Crime number. However, in view of formation of District Mineral Foundation Trust in each District, the amount may 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 shall be directed to make a non refundable deposit of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five 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 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 bail.

7. Considering the period of incarceration suffered by the petitioner, this Court is inclined to grant bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

8. Accordingly, the petitioner is ordered to be released on bail on his executing 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 *learned Judicial Magistrate No.1I, Mannargudi, Thiruvarur District*, and further conditions that:

(a) the petitioner shall make non-refundable deposit a sum of Rs.25,000/- ( Rupees Twenty Five 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;

(b) the petitioner and 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 petitioner shall report before the respondent police, daily at 10.30 a.m. until further orders;

(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]*; and;

(g)if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 229-A IPC.

-sd/-

29/10/2021

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.II, MANNARGUDI, THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE  
THIRUVARUR [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,  
PERUGAVAZHANTHAN POLICE STATION,  
THIRUVARUR DISTRICT.

4 THE OFFICER INCHARGE,  
SUB JAIL, NANNILAM.

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

6 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR  
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

+1CC to M/S SWAMISUBRAMANIAN Advocate on payment of necessary charges SR.NO.12198

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Date :29/10/2021