



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.10.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

Crl.O.P.No.20342 of 2021

1. Manikandan
2. Karthick

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State rep. by
The Inspector of Police,
Mecheri Police Station,
Salem District.
(Crime No.537 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.537 of 2021 on the file of the respondent, Mecheri Police Station, Salem District.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Kalimuthu

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

ORDER

The petitioners, who were arrested on 14.10.2021 and remanded to judicial custody for the offences under Sections 273, 328 of IPC and Section 7 and 20(1) of Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act in Crime No.537 of 2021 on the file of the respondent police, seeks bail.

2. The case of the prosecution is that when the respondent police was on regular raid, they found that the petitioners have possessed 19 bags of various brands of banned tobacco products. Hence, the complaint.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are no way connected with the alleged offence and they have been falsely implicated in this case and the petitioners have been in jail from 14.10.2021. However, on instructions, the learned counsel further submits that the petitioners, without prejudice their



rights, on their own volition, are ready to deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- for the purpose of improving and maintaining the Government Schools. Therefore, he prays to grant bail to the petitioners.

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4. The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) appearing for the respondent submits that petitioners had possessed have possessed 19 bags of various brands of banned tobacco products. He further submits that there are no previous cases against the petitioners. Hence, he vehemently opposed for grant of bail to the petitioners.

5. Considering the period of incarceration suffered by 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 separate bonds 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.1, Mettur and on further condition that:

(a) the petitioners shall make a non-refundable deposit of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) to the credit of the Chief Educational Officer, Salem District for the rehabilitation and improvement of the basic needs of the Government Schools in the said District under necessary acknowledgement, without prejudice to his 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 petitioners;

(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;

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

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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 and works that were done for the improvement/rehabilitation of the schools in the District before the Commissioner of School Education as and when such works are completed by utilising the money as ordered by this Court.

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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.I, METTUR

2 THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE
SALEM [FOR INFORMATION]

3 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
MECHERI POLICE STATION,
SALEM DISTRICT.

4 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

5 THE SUPERINTENDENT,
CENTRAL JAIL, SALEM

6 THE CHIEF EDUCATIONAL OFFICER
SALEM DISTRICT

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

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