



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

(Criminal Jurisdiction)

Friday, the Twenty Ninth day of October Two Thousand Twenty One

PRESENT

The Hon`ble Mr Justice M.DHANDAPANI

CRIMINAL ORIGINAL PETITION No.20359 of 2021

1 SUNDARAMURTHI
2 PRAKASH

[PETITIONERS / ACCUSED]

Vs

STATE REP BY
THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
BARGUR POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.
CRIME NO.239 OF 2021.

[RESPONDENT]

For Petitioners : M/S.V.INDUMATHI, 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 at the hands of the respondent police for the alleged offence under Sections 379 of I.P.C (Stone theft) in Cr.No.239 of 2021, seeks anticipatory bail.

2.The case of the prosecution is that the petitioner was involved in illegal transportation of 1 piece of granite stone.

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 submitted that the petitioner, without prejudice to his rights, is ready to deposit a sum of Rs.10,000/- to the Mineral Foundation Trust.



4.The learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side) submitted that the vehicle involved was seized by the respondent police and he further submitted that if the person is caught with illegal mining , 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 granite 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 granite 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.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.

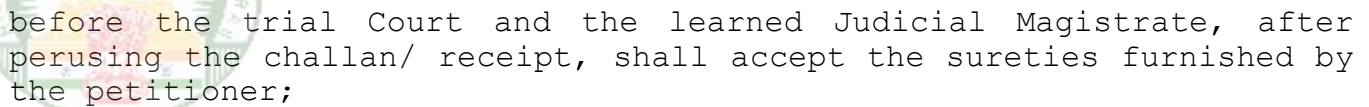
6.It is made clear that the deposit of the amount by the petitioner to the Trust would not amount to admission of guilt. The trial Court shall deal with the case independently on merits without reference to the amount deposited at the stage of anticipatory bail.

7.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also considering the submission made by the learned Government Advocate (Crl.Side), I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the petitioner with certain conditions.

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 Principal District Judge, Krishnagiri, 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



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

(f) the petitioner shall not abscond either during investigation or trial;

(h) if the accused thereafter absconds, a fresh FIR can be registered under Section 379 IPC.

This order, on being produced, be punctually observed and carried into execution by all concerned

Sub-Assistant Registrar (Statistics/C.S.)
High Court, Madras - 600 104.

2 THE INSPECTOR OF POLICE,
BARGUR POLICE STATION,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.



3 THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR
HIGH COURT, MADRAS.

4 THE CHAIRMAN/DISTRICT COLLECTOR,
DISTRICT MINERAL FOUNDATION TRUST,
KRISHNAGIRI DISTRICT.

+1 CC to M/S. V.INDUMATHI Advocate on payment of necessary
charges SR.NO.12182

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Date :29/10/2021

JPA 10/11/2021